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CHAPTER IX.

A flood of mellow October sunshine, pouring into every corner of the premises, brought out in strong relief certain acute signs that the master's eye and directing voice were badly missed, on the old Bascom place.

There were yawning gaps in the trim white paled fence which divided the yard from the cotton fields. [illegible] to prevent the [illegible] for the gentry. [illegible] certain legs, browsed undisturbed among the evergreens that had once been the boast of the place. A few dispirited gamecocks and yellow legged pullets but poorly sustained the traditions of the once famous Bascom poultry yard. A pair of irrepressible calves showed a pernicious industry in the matter of barking the colonel's pet apricot trees. The gate leading into the orchard and rose garden sagged on broken hinges without exciting any particular attention.

When the entire universe seemed sagging on broken hinges, what did one or two more matter?

A brilliant display of autumn's work as a colorist glorified every ditch side and fence corner of the plantation. Festoons of blue and white morning glories clung in tangled masses about the ungathered corn. Intrusive clumps of sumac flaunted their crimson plumes above the creeping pumpkin vines. The whitening fields of cotton swung fleecy banners in ever increasing quantities from neglected bolls. There was no one to urge expedition in the gathering of the plenteous harvest.

Oscar, sitting in gloomy abstraction in his cabin door, shook his head mournfully. Now that the colonel's dinners, and even the colonel himself, seemed things of a past never to be revived, his own life was all out of joint.

"There's a head needed—needed bad. Things is goin from bad to worse and nobody to stop 'em. The chile can't help us—that's one thing sure."

The spirit of discontent was spreading rapidly over the place. Mutterings were heard under the lowly roof of every cabin. Children in all that made for self reliance, the colonel's people missed his firm but kindly discipline, were bewildered by the loosening of the bands that had held them all their lives.

As Oscar said, things were going from bad to worse. They had never had to give a thought to the things of tomorrow. What they were to eat and wherewithal they were to be clothed had been the exclusive concern of the master. But the time was coming when some one wiser than themselves must tell them where to look for raiment.

A deputation waited on the "little mistiss."

Jessica, forewarned of their coming, received them, standing on the steps of the back gallery with the afternoon sunshine weaving a halo about her beautiful head. The delegation had selected the ruling elder of the church in the quarters to set their case before her. He approached with his tattered felt cap in his hand, his gray hairs bared to the wind. In a compact mass, closed behind him, were grouped the men of the place—huge, stalwart creatures, brawny of muscle, docile of soul.

"It's just this away, missy. When Marse Merry went away from we all, he left his place and his folks in mighty nice fix. Us'ns crits was full uv corn, that sto'room had plenty uv meat in it, and there were plenty uv cloth to keep the sewers busy. And, furdermore, he lef' a manager on the place in which he had fullest confidence. But look at us now. That manager is took hisself off to jine the army and lef' us widout any head at all. Folks is mighty onreliable, missy, and all the onreliable ones is not got black skins.

"Things is goin from bad to worse. We ain't got nobody for to think for us. A whole year widout Marse Merry is bleeged to tell on the place. Some uv the young folks is gettin mighty skittish, and it's hard to hold them in. We is come to you for advice, little mistiss."

And Jessica, looking down upon the crowd of upturned faces—black, dull, uninformed as a mass, but each one full of a childlike belief in her ability to help them—felt a great pity welling up in her heart. She blamed herself in that she had held herself aloof from them in this time of bewilderment and trial. She had been too much taken up with the forlorn emptiness of her own days, and here at her very door was a mission of kindly words and hopeful waiting to be spoken.

"What is it you would like to have me do, Jeptha?" she asked, turning her lovely eyes, full of sympathy, on the withered old face.

"I suppose there ain't much likelihood of Marse Merry gittin back home soon?"

"None, I am sorry to say. But if there is anything I can do"—

Her sleeve was twitched violently from behind, and Miss Turner's sibilant voice hissed a warning into her ear:

"My dear girl, pray make them no rash promises. You never will get done doing for them once you begin."

Jessica nodded encouragement to the spokesman.

"Well, Jeptha?"

"We don't want to b'ar on you too heavily, missy, for we know the plantation folks is got no right to intrude on you. We can make out fairly well on the feed question along as our seed corn holds out and potato slips is on hand, though we does hope mightily for our tobacco and a little coffee now and then. But what is pesterin mos' uv us is clothes. What we goin to do for clothes, missy? Some uv the women folks and chillun is real bad off now."

Miss Turner coughed impressively behind Jessica's back.

"Oh, really, my dear Jessica, this is [illegible]. Why don't you tell him that [illegible]" She [illegible]

Jessica [illegible] petitioner [illegible] in gentle [illegible]

"We ain't here to find [illegible] fault with you, missy. [illegible] crowd that we [illegible] Merry a daughter [illegible] knows it if you don't. [illegible] minded that you could think up some way for us to git hold of some cloth. This is mighty tight times with all us, white and black, but we don't want to pester you, little mistiss."

"You are not troubling me at all, boys. I am only troubled by your troubles. I was wondering why we could not start looms of our own. There must be some among the old women of the place who know how to weave."

This practical suggestion met with a cold reception. [illegible]

"[illegible]," said Jeptha [illegible] women [illegible] weave, but there ain't but one left on the place now that used to sit at the loom in her day."

"And that one?"

"Is one we all gives a wide berth to—Savanna that lives on the edge of the place."

"Savanna, then, must help us."

"You just let Savanna 'lone, missy. No good won't come of stirrin her up."

"I have seen her once."

"You is?"

Jessica laughed. "Yes. She was not very polite to me on that one occasion, but I shall call on her again tomorrow, and now, friends, I can only repeat that if you will give me a few days' time I think I can help you out of this trouble. We are likely to have others to confront before our head comes back to us, but I will try not to forget that in my father's absence you are all my children, for whom I must look out. Good night."

A murmur of thanks ran through the delegation, and then the men turned away, vaguely comforted now that a white friend was to take some interest in their case.

"I think," said Jessica, turning a bright face toward her companion, "I begin to understand that the world has need even of its Shorters. I shall thank her for my lessons at the loom if this old crone proves refractory. I never expected to utilize any of the accomplishments learned in that school."

"Accomplishments. Did that dreadful woman ever really teach you anything that could be called an accomplishment?"

"From your point of view, no. From the standpoint of our present necessities, yes. Who knows but we may have to be weaving for our soldiers soon?"

"I should think it was not at all unlikely, seeing that Mrs. Brownell has already issued a call for all the damask curtains in the county to be made into soldier shirts. I am so glad, by the way, my dear Jessica, to hear you speak of our soldiers. Your attitude throughout this entire time has been so peculiar."

"My attitude toward my father and the men he led into the field is one of affectionate solicitude. I do not care to discuss my attitude toward the larger questions at stake. I am afraid our men will be in sore need of many things we cannot provide."

"I should say so. One whole year since the Applegate sharpshooters took the field, and what are we the better for it? When New Orleans falls and Vicksburg is taken, which is inevitable, we will be hermetically sealed from the rest of the world, and we will be crushed between the upper and nether millstones. Who would have believed it possible for this thing to go on so long?"

"I fancy it has but just begun."

"Just begun! Mercy, Jessica, then we may as well give up! I haven't a pair of shoes to my name, and as for gloves, I really have forgotten how they feel."

"Which only goes to show that they are an effete superfluity!" said Jessica, with a note of irony in her voice.

"Oh, so far as that goes, everything beyond bearskin robes and the moccasins of the savage can be called effete superfluities, but having been born in that station of life which ranks gloves and veils among the decencies I don't like to do without them. Really, I do believe you have more sympathy for those grumbling darkies who have just left us than you have for anybody else."

Miss Turner's voice betrayed her sense of injury at Jessica's hands. The companionship which had promised her so much more than it had given her in the way of sociability was sometimes exasperating.

When the colonel had been casting about for somebody to leave with Jessica, the name and personality of an old schoolgirl friend of his sister Ellen's had seemed to present the strongest claims for consideration. It had not been hard to persuade Miss Turner to give up her poverty, marked isolation for the opulent comfort of the colonel's home. There was no one for her to advise with but the minister's wife. To her she said:

"I understand the girl is very queer, and I am not at all satisfied in my mind about this Mexican marriage, but there is no knowing what will become of my school in the hard times ahead of us, and I really was fond of Ellen Bascom, poor girl. I never did think she was totally lacking mentally, and nothing but the horrid pride of old Madam Bascom made her shut the poor girl away from her friends. Yes, I think I will accept the colonel's invitation. Of course it would not do at all if he was going to be there. People are so prone to talk."

Yes, Jessica was "queer." She walked away from her companion with her hands thoughtfully folded behind her back. She was not thinking of Miss Turner's wearing out shoes or of her dearth of gloves. She was thinking of the men who had just left her presence.

For a year now she had been going in and out among these docile, faithful creatures with an assured ascendency that made them bare their heads and hold themselves in all humility in her presence. All her life she had been sustained by their unrequited toil. Her comforts, her luxuries, the brain culture that was the greatest boon of her life, had been all supplied her by them. They had just come rather humbly asking [illegible]

[illegible] plenty of time to ride over to old Savanna's cabin."

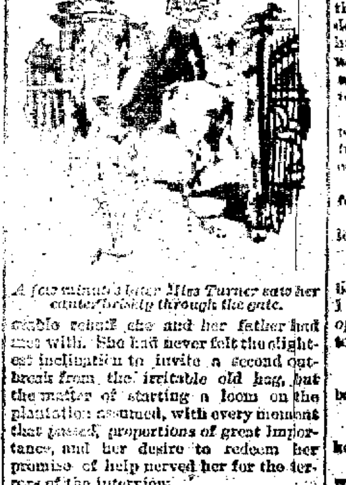
"What for?"

"To speak to her about starting a loom."

"You know she is a perfect lunatic. Of course you cannot do a thing with her."

"I shall try nevertheless." And turning away she ordered her horse saddled. A few minutes later Miss Turner saw her canter briskly through the gate that was sagging on its broken hinges.

Jessica had never ridden in the direction of Savanna's cabin since that memorable scene she and her father had met with. She had never felt the slightest inclination to invite a second outbreak from the irritable old hag, but the matter of starting a loom on the plantation assumed, with every moment that passed, proportions of great importance, and her desire to redeem her promise of help nerved her for the terrors of the interview.



A few minutes later Miss Turner saw her canter briskly through the gate.

Exteriorly the little hut looked peaceful enough, with its ruddy pomegranates hanging in ripe fullness and its china trees dropping golden nuggets on the hard beaten path of the little yard. A faint wreath of blue smoke curled skyward from the two chimneys that decorated either end of the cabin, suggesting a lavish extravagance in the matter of firewood.

Plantation traditions had it that no foot but Savanna's own had crossed its threshold for years. Such services as she could not render herself were churlishly demanded and as churlishly rendered by those who only too willingly accepted their wage without penetrating into the inner mysteries of the voodoo's home.

Knowing all these things, it was not without a sense of daring and of personal peril that Jessica dismounted from her horse at a little distance from the cabin and approached it on foot. At this late hour of the afternoon Savanna would scarcely be expecting intruders. Would that make her more or less implacable?

Not even the warning note of the old woman's watchdog heralded her approach. She reached the cabin door unobserved. The wooden shutters to the front windows had been closed for the night.

Jessica knocked timidly, then more boldly; then she stopped to listen. She could hear the old crone moving about on the inside of the cabin, and the pungent odor of frying chicken penetrated the chinks. Made bold by these tokens that a life of ordinary human proportions was stirring in the witch's cabin, she waxed bold enough to try the handle to the door. It yielded to her touch, and she stepped daringly over the threshold. Then she stopped with a low cry of amazement. She was standing in a room furnished with all the old fashioned elegance that marked her own bedroom at home.

All the rudeness of the cabin walls had been concealed by damask hangings which bore a singular likeness to those in one of the locked up rooms in the house. The bed and its furnishings were of the same old style elegance. Drawn close to the fire was a lounge on which were heaped silken cushions and soft shawls until it was a luxurious nest. Jessica could see that a recumbent figure occupied this soft place.

By this time intense curiosity had swallowed up every other sensation. She stole nearer on tiptoe and leaned over the back of the lounge. With folded hands held close against her breast, as if to still the too loud beating of her heart, she looked down in bewildered admiration upon the pure profile and closed eyelids of a very beautiful face.

She could hear old Savanna moving softly about in the next room with evident precaution against disturbing the sleeper. With no thought for the crone's wrath against herself Jessica stood on.

In her capacity as temporary head of her father's estate she owed it to herself to solve the mystery of this woman's presence in the cabin of one of his slaves. This new view of the case made her less stealthy in her movements. She had a duty to perform, and it gave her boldness. She had half a mind to summon Savanna by a call and demand an explanation. It was rendered unnecessary.

The sleeper awoke while Jessica was still bending over her. With a startled gasp she lifted herself on one elbow and returned the girl's close scrutiny with interest.

"Who are you?" Jessica asked with impulsive directness.

In a voice of inexpressible sweetness the answer came slowly:

"I am Ellen Bascom."

"Ellen Bascom!"

A low growl like that of an infuriated animal about to spring upon its prey caused Jessica to turn her head. Savanna was standing in the doorway that connected the two rooms with eyes ablaze.

CHAPTER X.

Perhaps for the first time in her life Savanna found herself face to face with a spirit more intrepid than her own. Jessica met the blazing wrath of her gaze with a bold front. Pointing imperiously at the woman on the lounge, she repeated her question:

"Who is this woman?"

The old woman advanced in sullen silence. There was that in the eyes and bearing of her visitor which congealed the insolent words she had been ready to hurl at her on the moment of her entrance. She leaned over the back of the lounge with the protecting manner of a wild beast sheltering its young from threatened danger.

Jessica repeated her question, adding with uncompromising sternness:

"I have a right to know who is masquerading under the name of my dead aunt. I never saw her, and so you may think to deceive me with impunity, but you cannot harbor strangers on this plantation in my father's absence, and I insist upon knowing who this woman is."

Savanna drew her figure up to its most imposing height.

"She is a lady. Call her such. She is a lady born. [illegible] her precious [illegible]"

"[illegible]"

"[illegible] she was."

"That is [illegible]. My aunt, Ellen Bascom, is dead."

In [illegible] the crone matched the lady. She flashed a fierce look of resentment at the daring girl and pointed toward the lounge.

"Your aunt, Ellen Bascom, is there."

And in the same sweet, sad tones came corroboration from the occupant of the lounge:

"I am Ellen Bascom. Tell her, mammy. Tell her if Dr. Northcote sent her for me that I am with a friend who loves me and does not watch me every moment. I don't want to go back. Tell her, mammy, and then she will go away and let me go to sleep. I am tired. I came such a long way to go home."

Savanna lifted herself from her stooping posture and turned on Jessica with a passionate cry.

"You might have left her in peace the little remnant of her days! She is doin nuther you ner yourn a mite of harm. She's been hounded from pillar to post till this poor fool an one onliest humble slave is all she's got to turn to."

"If she is really my aunt, she has me to turn to," said Jessica, looking at the frail figure on the couch with a pitiful curiosity.

"Was she here before my father left for the war?"

"She's been with me ever since she left Northcote's."

"Why did you not let him know?"

"I hid her. He would have sent her back, an she begged me to let her stay. I were her mammy from the hour she opened her purty eyes on a world she's too good to live in."

"But my father had a right to know."

"Mebbe. But he would have sent her back to them folks."

"Which folks?"

"Her keepers, and she don't need no keepers."

"Do you mean Dr. Northcote and his wife?"

"Yes."

"But they were good to her."

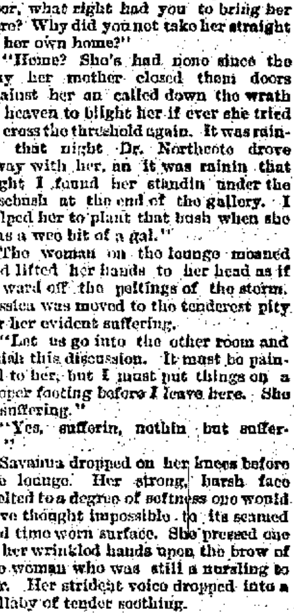
"Mebbe, but she was heartbroke for her home. She was pinin for a sight of the old house where she was born an where she suffered at the hands of them that ought to have cherished an sheltered her."

From among the silken cushions of the lounge floated an echo as sad in its wistful softness as the breeze that stirs the leaves at night.

"Born and suffered. Dear Lord, suffered—suffered."

Jessica turned upon Savanna impatiently.

"But my father grieved for her. He loved her, I know. He would have brought her back if he had known. He searched for her everywhere. I know he did."



"Your aunt, Ellen Bascom, is there."

"An I found her at his very doors," said the old woman, with a passionate gesture, "weepin on the doorsill of the home her own mother had driven her from with words of scorn that would have scorched a tongue less steeped in gall an pride than hers."

"If you found her at my father's door, what right had you to bring her here? Why did you not take her straight to her own home?"

"Home? She's had none since the day her mother closed them doors against her an called down the wrath of heaven to blight her if ever she tried to cross the threshold again. It was rainin that night Dr. Northcote drove away with her, an it was rainin that night I found her standin under the rosebush at the end of the gallery. I helped her to plant that bush when she was a wee bit of a gal."

The woman on the lounge moaned and lifted her hands to her head as if to ward off the peltings of the storm. Jessica was moved to the tenderest pity for her evident suffering.

"Let us go into the other room and finish this discussion. It must be painful to her, but I must put things on a proper footing before I leave here. She is suffering."

"Yes, sufferin, nothin but sufferin."

Savanna dropped on her knees before the lounge. Her strong, harsh face melted to a degree of softness one would have thought impossible to its seamed and time worn surface. She pressed one of her wrinkled hands upon the brow of the woman who was still a nursling to her. Her strident voice dropped into a lullaby of tender soothing.

"Sleep, my child, sleep. Mammy won't let them harm a hair of your precious head nor they shall not take you away from her. Sleep an dream happy dreams."

Under the hypnotic influence of the old crone's voice and manipulations the weary lids drooped, and the woman on the lounge lay as still as a beautiful statue.

"Now, then," said Savanna, rising stiffly from her knees and facing Jessica defiantly, "let us hear all you've got to say. She will sleep on for some time. She is tired. Her an me took a long walk this afternoon. We walked to the graveyard. Nobody ever goes nigh it. The fools! Afraid of the quiet ones, that is done pesterin anybody, an followin after the livin ones, that is full of evil devices! Now, what brought you pryin here?"

Jessica lifted one hand commandingly.

"Let us understand each other at once, old woman. You have contrived to make every one around you afraid of you. I am not, nor need you hope to make me so. While my father is away I am the nominal head of this plantation, and you may as well recognize the fact sooner as later. You will do my bidding or you will leave this place."

"Leave this place—leave the house that the madam gave me for my very own? Leave it at the biddin of a—of a—a"—

She was choking with rage, and the effect of her passion was to make her lapse into that untranslatable dialect which had so bewildered Jessica on the first occasion of their meeting. She allowed her to rave on for a few moments. Then she said with decision:

"Listen to me, Savanna. Bluster will do not good in this case. I am going to remove my father's sister to her own home. This is no place for her."

"I grant you that. I grant you that, little missy"—her manner became suddenly abject in its supplication—"but don't take her away from her old mammy. Mine is the only face, the only voice in all this big world that means anything to her. No, this ain't no place for a lady raised like her, but look—I've fetched the things out of her own room at the house by the handful. I've stole them piece by piece, but they were hers, an nobody ever went into her room; so they ain't never been missed."

"I will make her comfortable and happy in her old place," said Jessica confidently.

"You make her happy—you?" with withering scorn.

"And when she wakes up I wish you to tell her"—

Savanna spread hovering arms above the sleeping form.

"I'll tell her nothin. She is mine. She is been more mine than anybody else's ever since her proud mother found out she wasn't goin to be a credit to her in society. I were her mammy when she were a pulin little baby. She would put her soft baby arms around this yellow neck as lovin as if it were the neck of a lady. She loved me better than she did her grand lady mother. Oh, she were a stiff necked one, was my old Madam Bascom! I was her maid before she made me nurse this one. I know all the ins an outs of the life that has been lived in that proud old house you calls yourself the head of. She were a proud one. Lucifer an all his fallen angels weren't no prouder. When her own flesh an blood hurt her pride, she trampled it underfoot without a groan."

"What my grandmother was has no bearing on this case. She is gone. There is no family pride to be hurt by the return of this poor wreck. My aunt must be removed tomorrow to her own home."

"To be flouted an jeered at by the folks? I know them sassy yard folks. She weren't always as bad as she is now. She just were a little weak here"—touching her own turbaned head—"after that long sickness. But it's what she's gone through with. It would have unsettled a stronger brain than Sammy's. You wouldn't take her away from her old mammy, missy? You ain't got that hard a heart. The heart sickness will take her again, an Savanna is the only one can comfort her."

"I mean that you shall go with her."

"Me go up to the big house to live? Me go back there, where the old madam and me had it out for her treatment of that child? Her ha'nt would follow me from room to room."

"My grandmother must have been kind to you. She gave you this house to live in all your life, you say."

"Yes, she done that; she done that. I've got the deeds in my pocket now. I've carried them in a leather wallet ever since she give them to me, but sometimes folks is scared into doin things. Don't you know they is? Love ain't at the bottom of all givin."

"I don't understand you at all," said Jessica haughtily.

It seemed to her that with every effort she made to throw a clear light on the past of her own household it grew more murky. Why should the grandmother of whose indomitable pride she heard on all sides be "scared" into making one of her slaves a freeholder? She preferred to think that gratitude for faithful services had been the motive in this unusual display of generosity.

"No doubt you were a faithful servant to my grandmother and she rewarded you handsomely."

"No doubt I were a faithful servant to her," said the old crone with a curling lip, "but when you caught old Madam Bascom doin anything from gratitude you had to get up mighty early in the mornin. You did that."

Jessica was in a fair way to forget the ostensible reason of this late visit to Savanna. Her overmastering surprise at finding the aunt supposed to be dead hidden in the old woman's cabin had driven the matter of the looms entirely out of her head. Savanna, too, was growing restless under this prolonged intrusion.

She conspicuously lighted a lamp by way of emphasizing the lateness of the hour. She seized a broom of twigs that hung in the chimney corner and brushed the ash littered hearth with a frank disregard for her visitor's close proximity. Then she gave Jessica some candid advice:

"When you finds it necessary to gallivant about the plantation this late of evenin's, missy, you had better make Oscar come with you. Oscar is my son, and I learned him some sense when he were little. When my Miss Ellen that were your age, she wouldn't 'a' let lamplight catch her this far from home 'lone by herself."

"I expect you are right in reminding me of the proprieties," said Jessica good naturedly, "although I imagine your desire to get rid of me is not very disinterested. While I am here, however, I may as well settle all my business with you. I started from the house on a very different errand from this. I want you to start the weaving industry on the place for me."

"Weavin! I'm too old to weave. I ain't goin to work myself to death at the biddin of a child."

"You are certainly the most irascible old subject I ever came in contact with," said Jessica, looking the old woman coldly in the eyes. "I can't imagine how anything ever grew fond of you."

"She loves me. She loves me better than she does anything in the world."

"I am glad of it, for your sake and hers too. I haven't the slightest intention of working you to death. I simply want you to teach some of the younger women how to weave, so that the people on the place need not suffer for clothes."

"Buy 'em clothes."

"You don't recognize the fact that a war is going on and that there is no place for us to buy anything. What we can't make for ourselves we will have to go without."

"Then go without."

Jessica had recognized from the first that there could be no half measures between her and this refractory old creature, whose many years of assertive mystery and powers of evil had enabled her to dominate every one around her. She turned upon her now with a severity that reminded Savanna forcibly of "the old madam" in its haughty arrogance.

"Listen to me, Savanna, and be governed by what your own sense must tell you is for your own good. You are the only person on this place who knows how to weave. I have asked you courteously to teach some of the other women how to run the looms. You need not think I am dependent on you. I know how to weave myself, and, if the worst comes to the worst, I can do without you. But I do not care to take up this line of work. You have been left unmolested here so long that you overestimate your liberties. You are not a free woman yet, and you are under my authority so long as things stand as they do at present. I will give you until tomorrow—when I shall come in the carriage to remove my aunt—to make up your mind about the weaving."

"And if I say I won't do it, what then?"

"What then! Well, you can stay on in this house, which my grandmother gave you, but that shall be your solitary privilege on the place. I shall see that no wood is brought to your cottage, that no meal is ground for you in the gristmill, that no rations of any sort are issued to you."

"Good Lord, but you is a hard one. Who will say blood don't tell? You is your old grandmother come back in the flesh, with a dash of"— She stopped suddenly, and again seizing her broom of twigs began sweeping with offensive energy.

Jessica stood up and began drawing on her riding gloves.

"If I find you in a proper frame of mind when I come for my aunt I will take you home with her. You may be her sole attendant if you wish it."

"She's better off where she is."

"I am the best judge of that."

"You is judgin accordin to your lights, an mighty poor lights they are. In that house, in that room, she will be livin over the whole miserable past. She won't be able to get away from it. If I hadn't thought it all out that a-way, I would have let her brother know where she was. But he don't know all. He never did know what the trouble was. He would just have said she was clean 'off' an would have sent her away again."

"Why doesn't he know?"

"Because he was in Mexico when it all happened."

"When all what happened?"

"She got married."

"Who, my Aunt Ellen?"

"Yes. She married a handsome devil that got scared after it was done an made her keep it a secret from her mother until it couldn't be kept no longer."

"You mean—"

"I mean a child told the tale."

"What became of the child?"

Savanna stopped sweeping. She leaned against her brick mantelshelf in a reflective silence that lasted long enough for her to weigh the silver of speech against the gold of silence.

"God knows," she said finally. "I don't."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

LIVING IN CITIES.

The Apartment House is Breaking Up American Homes.

I have no mind to harrow up the minds of my readers with any exploitation of the miseries and mysteries that confront the average housekeeper in the daily maintenance of a simple but comfortable existence for her family. As for herself, an existence at all seems a struggle which at times she would gladly give over. One might define a heroine as the average American woman who does her own housekeeping. But some hint of the unnatural and unhappy state of affairs existing at present may be deduced from the consideration of two economic facts.

First, woman is by nature a home founder and a homemaker. This is not intended as an assertion of personal belief, but as a statement of scientific fact. It was woman—not man—who opened the industrial world. It was woman who made the first rude dwellings and dressed skins and wove textiles for clothing. It was woman and not man who made the first fire and the first utensils for cooking and the first rude tools for industrial ends. All her activities clustered about the hearth and ministered to the home. If the woman and the work had not reacted upon each other so that today women should be by nature homemakers and home lovers, there are still depths for the scientists to sound in the working of heredity and of natural selection.

And yet—here is my second fact—the enormous piles of stone and brick rapidly filling the choice plots of ground in our large cities and shutting out the light of heaven with their gabled tops are mute if not magnificent witnesses to the fact that the investment of capital is all against the perpetuation of the separate home. The shrewd modern investor is willing to put hundreds of thousands against hundreds of dollars that (for his lifetime at least) women are going to prefer the ease of the apartment hotel to the separate house with its privacy, its own table, and—alas—its own service.—Helen Watterson Moody in Scribner's.

THE CARE FREE VIENNESE.

They Rarely Take Life Seriously Unless at a Funeral.

"The native Viennese is a jolly, good natured, thriftless creature," writes Edward A. Steiner, discussing "Austria and Her Troubles" in The Woman's Home Companion.

"No people on the earth are so jolly or so easily and so much amused. Go to the Prater, the largest public park in Europe, and from 100 different beer gardens comes the noise of tooting brass bands and stamping feet and beating drums. Merry go rounds swing old and young, and dime museums and music halls are as full of people as they are empty of decency. Go to the theaters on any night and you will find them crowded by an enthusiastic audience, the galleries filled by noisy students and working girls. The court theaters, which present only legitimate dramas and operas, have also their numerous devotees. Go to the coffee houses, of which there is one on every corner, and you will find them full, especially in the afternoon, with merchants with their noses in the newspapers and clerks sipping their Mocha and officers smoking their cigars and one pushing and card shuffling youths. At night these coffee houses become the rendezvous of the lower element. I have never seen the Viennese serious, unless it be at a funeral, and I suppose that even out of that he manages to get some fun. Yet he is easily excited, and although loyal and law abiding his good nature may quickly turn into a fiery passion, and a Viennese riot is a serious matter for the police."

Raleigh Finger Marks.

It is now 300 years since Sir Walter Raleigh lived in Ireland, but, according to Sir John Pope of Hennessy many traces of his residence there can still be seen. The richly perfumed yellow wallflowers that he brought to Ireland from the Azores and the Affane cherry are still found where he first planted them, by the Blackwater.

Some cedars he brought to Cork are to this day growing at a place called Tivio. The four venerable yew trees, the branches of which have twined and intermingled into a sort of summer house thatch, are pointed out as having sheltered Raleigh when he first smoked tobacco in his Youghal garden. In that garden he also planted tobacco. A few steps farther on, where the town wall of the thirteenth century surrounds the garden of the warden's house, is the famous spot where the first Irish potato was planted by him.—Chicago Record.

Cingalese Children.

The Cingalese children are said to be more beautiful than those of any other race on the four continents, and some of the little girls, even of the very lowest caste, are irresistibly pretty as they run before you in the streets to beg. They cry out in the sweetest and most plaintive of voices, touching the stomach to signify hunger in a way that would be awkward and vulgar in any other being, but in them it is so winsome that before you know it you sacrifice a rupee to the bad cause of encouraging them in begging—knowing quite well that all they want is a good opportunity to pick your pocket for [illegible].—Outing.

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CALL FOR REPUBLICAN CAUCUSES.

The Republican caucuses for primary [illegible] will be held at the regular polling [illegible] in accordance with the rules of the [illegible] party of McKean county on Sat[urday] [illegible] between the hours of [illegible] and eight o'clock p. m. for the purpose [of] recommending one person for Member of [Congress] and placing in nomination two persons [for] [illegible] of the General Assembly [illegible] Legislature, and one person for [illegible] Treasurer, and for the election of [illegible] to serve as delegates to the [illegible] State convention, and for the [illegible] in each election district one person [to serve as] a member of the County Committee for the ensuing year, and that the County [convention] be held in the court house in Smethport on Tuesday, March 22nd, at two o'clock p. m. and for the purpose of canvassing the vote of said caucuses, and the election of a Chairman of the County Committee for the ensuing year.

GEO. W MITCHELL,
Chairman.

T. E. [illegible],
Secretary.

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 23, 1898.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

[illegible]—Please announce that I am a candidate for representative in Congress in the [illegible] District, subject to the [illegible] Republican party and to the decision of the [illegible] conference.

HERMAN H. NORTH.

[illegible], Pa., February 21, 1898.

[illegible]—Please announce me as a candidate for the office of Member of Assembly subject to the rules of the Republican party

E F [illegible]

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 12, 1898.

[illegible]—Please announce me as a candidate for the office of Member of Assembly subject to the rules of the Republican party

R. A. DEMPSEY

Bradford, Pa., Jan. 13, 1898.

[illegible]—Please announce me as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of McKean County, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

C A. DUKE.

Duke Centre, Pa., Nov. 29, 1897

[illegible]—Please announce me as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of McKean County, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

JOHN W CAMPBELL.

[illegible], Pa., Jan. 4, 1898.

[illegible]—Please announce me as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of McKean County, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

A. W BOYD.

[illegible] City, Pa., Jan. 13, 1898.

[illegible]—Please announce me as a candidate for delegate to the state convention subject to the rules of the Republican party

L. ROGERS.

[illegible], Pa., Jan. 11, 1898.

[illegible]—Please announce me as a candidate for delegate to the State convention subject to the rules of the Republican party

ANDREW [illegible]

[illegible], Pa., Jan. 11, 1898.

[illegible]—Please announce me as a candidate for delegate to the state convention subject to the rules of the Republican party

G. W MITCHELL.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 15, 1898.

[illegible] has given the Klondike fever an upper cut from which it seems unable to recover.

The little tiff with Spain has relegated all would-be political leaders to the rear. They don't cut any ice at the present time.

Judging by the actions of some candidates seeking nomination it would be difficult to decide to which party they belong. Time alone can tell where they will land.

There is one thing certain, if Uncle Sam does get into a scrap with Spain he will not be hampered by any copperheads or traitors snapping at his heels—they will all be facing southward.

The Spaniards have one very important thing to be thankful for, and that is, that the American people are unable to walk on the water. If they could they would walk over and pull the Island of Cuba into the Gulf of Mexico.

Hon. C. W. Stone's boom for the nomination for governor of the Commonwealth is increasing in strength every day. His nomination would heal all factional feelings in the party and he would be elected by an overwhelming majority.

Consul General Lee displayed the spirit of '76 last Monday at Havana when he gave utterance to the following: "If Spain wishes to declare any [illegible] of us [illegible] it is her privilege to do so, but if we must leave [illegible] we will leave with the American flag flying and a brass band at the head of the procession."

That the country has unlimited confidence in President McKinley was clearly demonstrated in Washington last Tuesday when every member of the lower house of Congress present to the number of 311 voted in favor of appropriating $50,000,000 for perfecting our national defenses. This large sum is to be used at the President's discretion. "Uncle Sam" is determined that "old glory" shall be respected.

The trial of Sheriff Martin and his deputies for the shooting of 22 rioting [miners] at Lattimer on the 10th of [last] September resulted in a verdict of [acquittal] on Wednesday. The jury agreed on the first ballot. The defendants are still under bail as there are yet 37 indictments for murder and [illegible] for feloniously wounding against them. All advocates of law and order and opponents of anarchy will place the seal of approval upon the verdict of the jury.

During the last week the Spanish [situation] has assumed a rather lurid [aspect]. While neither nation has taken the initiative, each has been busily engaged in preparing for the worst. Each [illegible] has kept their right hand on [illegible] hip pockets, eagerly watching the [illegible] of the other. The movements [illegible] Sam have been calm and deliberate and have won the commendation of the leading nations of Europe, while the conduct of Spain has been such that she has been losing [illegible] from gaining the confidence of [illegible] nations. It does not seem possible that Spain would have the hardihood to attempt a war with the United States after vainly striving for four [years] to subdue a few starving Cubans. [illegible] Cubans virtually have the [illegible] army shut up in Havana. To [illegible] a war Spain has taken a [illegible] and mechanic and [illegible] in fact, is [illegible] for wind, and putting [illegible] possible in order [illegible]

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 7, 1898.

President McKinley is proud of the patience and forbearance displayed by the American people during their trying wait for the verdict of the Naval Court of Inquiry that is investigating the Maine disaster, in the face of many unjustifiable and inflammable publications, although he is not surprised. He knows that whatever may be said or done by a few individuals the great mass of our people recognize that it would be as great an insult to the brave officers who compose that Court to take action in advance of the report of the Court as it would be to a judge and jury of any other court to take an accused murderer in the midst of his trial and lynch him. Every preparation that wisdom and patriotism can suggest is being made to place our military and naval forces in a position to meet any emergency that may arise. If there is to be war, we shall be ready for it, and we shall win.

Another step forward was taken by Speaker Reed when he ruled that it was a violation of order for a member to get the floor when the House was sitting as a committee of the whole for the purpose of speaking upon a bill under consideration and then to make a speech upon something entirely foreign to the bill. Because it is an old custom for members to utilize any old bill that happened to be out as a basis for a partisan political speech, is no reason that it was right. Of course, the Democrats claim to see in this ruling a fresh attempt on the part of the Speaker to suppress free speech, but it was nothing of the sort. As Representative Dingley stated, after the Democratic howl which followed the application of this ruling by Representative Payne who was presiding over the House sitting as a committee, the enforcement of the rule against irrelevant debate was necessary to correct a growing evil and to expedite public business. It does not interfere with the making of political speeches, only confines their making to proper times.

President McKinley and every member of his cabinet feel great indignation at the disgraceful affair at Lake City, South Carolina, which resulted in the murder of the postmaster and one of his children, and the wounding of three others, an official report of which has been made to the Postoffice Department. At the last Cabinet meeting it was unanimously decided to increase the government's reward to $1 500 for information that will lead to the conviction of the perpetrator or perpetrators of the cowardly and dastardly crime, and that all the facilities of the Postoffice Department and of the Department of Justice should be utilized in the effort to run down the murderers.

The Senate committee on civil service, which made an exhaustive investigation of the subject has reported in favor of removing from the classified service all deputy collectors of internal revenue, storekeepers, gaugers and all deputy collectors of customs. The report also adopts the contention of Senator Pritchard, chairman of the committee, that the government printing office was never legally put within the classified service and is not, by right, now in that service.

The delay in getting a special rule, which was made necessary by Democratic objections when unanimous consent was asked, reported to the House from the committee on rules for the consideration of the bill providing for the enlistment of two additional artillery regiments has not been caused by opposition to the bill on the part of Republican members of that committee, as has been declared by sensation mongers. No Republican member of that committee is opposed to the bill but all of the Republican members of the committee were opposed to any precipitate action such as would cause the country to get the idea that the bill was an emergency measure, whereas it is only carrying out the requests of the War Department several years old. A rule will be reported and the bill will be passed.

It has been discovered that some Democratic members of the House are resorting to questionable methods of making friends of old soldier voters in their districts by grossly misrepresenting the attitude of the administration and of the Republican leaders of the House towards individual pension bills. A letter written by Representative Brucker of Michigan, which is now in Washington to a constituent for whom he has introduced a pension bill, contains half a dozen wilful misstatements that the writer will doubtless hear from quite often should he be renominated by the Democrats of his district.

A map of Alaska, showing known gold bearing rocks, with a pamphlet describing geography, geology and gold deposits, together with routes to the gold fields, has been published, in accordance with a joint resolution of Congress by the United States Geological Survey, copies of which may be obtained free by writing to one of your Senators or to your Representative.

EX-POSTMASTER GENERAL JOHN WANAMAKER of Philadelphia has at last come out in a letter accepting the endorsement of the Business Men's League convention held in Philadelphia on Feb 7 last, for governor. To the friends of Hon C W Stone this is very encouraging news. With Wanamaker as the Business Men's League candidate and W A Stone as the Quay candidate, C W Stone will hold the balance of power, neither W A Stone or John Wanamaker having enough delegates to secure a nomination. The bitter feeling existing between the two factions will prevent the nomination of either of the two last named gentlemen, while C W Stone would be acceptable to either faction and highly satisfactory to the Republican party at large in the State. In the name of the great Patrick Henry we say, "let it come." Hon C W Stone can stand it and the great northwestern part of the State will roll up such a majority for the Warren statesman that it will cause even Philadelphia to blush on account of the lilliputian size of her Republican majority.

UNCLE SAM when he arises in the morning, tightens up his suspenders a notch gives his sleeves an extra twist and ere he starts out on his daily trip spits on his hands, to be in readiness to grapple with any Don that might become saucy. Besides he has a wicked gleam in his eye that betokens mischief.

UNCLE SAM and Mistress Columbia are busily engaged in doing their spring house cleaning and getting things in shape for early visitors from the warmer countries. They have a large force of willing workers to assist them in the discharge of their duties.

AN increase last year in the New York savings banks of $45,300,000 in deposits and nearly 79,000 in depositors looks like Republican prosperity, especially when the gain is found in the last half of 1897.—Globe Democrat.

[illegible] that sold for 50 cents a head under the Wilson bill now sell for $1 per head. "The robber tariff"—[illegible]

TO PUNISH THE OUTLAW.

The country heard last Saturday with a good deal of satisfaction that the Government at Washington had decided to take in hand the murder of the colored postmaster at Lake City, S. C, and that it proposed to try and bring the guilty persons to punishment. So many similar occurrences in the past have been allowed to go by without any effort to bring the criminals to justice that it was feared that the present case would be treated in the same manner, but the decision of the Government to use all possible power to search out the criminals and punish them proves that this case will not be neglected as many others have been in the past.

There are a few newspapers that try to excuse or palliate the Lake City crime by claiming that the people of that place do not want an ignorant, lazy colored man to hand out their letters to them. There is no evidence to show that the murdered Postmaster Baker was ignorant and lazy. As he had taught school the conclusion is authorized that he had some education, at least. But even if he was as bad as claimed the force of the excuse as applied to South Carolina is destroyed by the Charleston News and Courier. That newspaper said last Tuesday: "Unfitness, ignorance and laziness are not regarded as insuperable barriers to political preferment in this State. We have known school commissioners, charged with the administration of the educational affairs of certain counties, who could hardly read or write. We believe that several members of the late Legislature were under the necessity of making their marks when they were first intrusted with the important business of enacting laws, and laziness is one of the chief characteristics of many of those who are charged with official responsibilities." So that excuse for the murder of Postmaster Baker fails to the ground.

It is pitiful to read such excuses for crime when the intelligent people of South Carolina are pleading for the help of the General Government to save them from a condition of barbarism and savagery toward which the State is rapidly drifting. Only last Thursday the Charleston News and Courier described the downward steps by which the present state of affairs has been reached. The approval of the lynching of colored men for rape, it said, had been taken as an excuse for the lynching of colored men for any crime and now for lynching a colored postmaster. The News and Courier gives the further possibilities of this tendency as follows: "Other steps forward and downward can be taken beyond the point now reached. It is but a short one from lynching a white Federal official, because of his politics, to lynching a white State official—from Governor down—because of his politics. It is but a step beyond that to lynching any white man for any cause." The final result must be, the same newspaper says, the acceptance of "a candidate of practical anarchy and savagery under a professed system of lawful government."

In this condition of affairs the force of public opinion should not be weakened by any excuses or palliations of the Lake City crime. The first thing to do is to help the South Carolina people restore the reign of law and order in that State. When that is done other things can be attended to. The real friends of the South are and have been those who have placed before the people of that neighborhood the inevitable result of lawlessness. The Southern people preferred, however, to listen to those who profited politically and otherwise by Southern crimes. The lesson learned has been a most disastrous and humiliating one, but if the people of the South will learn once for all that no violations of the law can be countenanced without the certainty of calamitous results the errors of the past may yet be retrieved.—Philadelphia Press.

THERE is certainly something in the Republican administration of the finances of this country during the last twenty five years that gives confidence to the people who have money to loan. It will be remembered that four years ago at the beginning of the Cleveland administration the bulk of the money in the country was locked up safely in deposit vaults, in the fear that the legislation by the Democratic party would precipitate a panic. Those who needed to borrow large sums of money had to pay more interest than during Harrison's administration and the bonds of many of the counties of the various Eastern States, about whose solvency there could not be any reasonable doubt, to secure takers had to pay a higher interest because Mr Cleveland had come into office and Mr Harrison had gone out. Now that the Republicans have again come into power the rate of interest has fallen, the vault doors have been opened and proffers of money by capitalists have been made at very low rates of interest. Westmoreland county, in this State, that proposes to build a $400,000 court house, for which it will issue bonds, furnishes another illustration of this confidence in Republican management. The county has been offered by one New York capitalist the whole sum of $400,000 at 3 1 2 per cent interest. As we said before, there is certainly something in the history of the Republican party that inspires money with confidence, and lessens the burden of every man who must borrow. It is a grand old Republican party.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

THE announcement of Isaac P. Collins as a candidate for Member of Assembly appears in this issue. At the same time the announcement of Hon. Geo W Dodge is withdrawn. Mr. Collins is one of our most reputable citizens and is well equipped in every way for the duties of the office to which he aspires. While he differs with us as to the State organization we are willing to concede to every man the right to his own opinion.—Potter Journal.

FROM Cornell experiment station comes a bulletin warning against putting into the swill of the hogs any dishwater in which is used the ordinary soap powders, usually made of a mixture of hard soap and sal soda or carbonate of soda. Several cases of what seemed at first to be hog cholera, though not all the symptoms were the same, were traced directly to the mixing of such dishwater in the swill. The hogs were poisoned by the excess of free alkali. The women should be careful what goes into the dishwater that is fed to hogs.

THE following is given as a way to cure a kicking cow. Tie her legs together with a strong strap crossed between the legs above the knees. If necessary the tail can be held by the strap. Tie loosely the first few times, afterwards as tight as necessary. You will be surprised to see how soon she will become accustomed to this treatment, and you can now milk as roughly as you please. There will be no more upsets, and you will wonder why you did not think of this before.—J M H, Woodlyn, Ohio.

ONE year ago last Wednesday Mark Hanna's substitute was sworn in as President.—Potter Democrat.

For a substitute he seems to hold the unlimited confidence of the nation pretty well. If the Democrat will glance over the Congressional record of last Tuesday it will discover a vote of confidence never before equalled in the nation's history.

FARMING IN KANSAS.

The following letter clipped from last Sunday's Buffalo Express tells of the hardships endured by a former Pennsylvanian and his family during the last few years in Kansas:

My family of seven has [illegible] $30 since November 1890 [illegible] thought it impossible. You [illegible] came out here in 18[illegible] with $4[illegible] I had saved as a tutor in the [illegible] in an academy in Titusville [illegible] health was frail from long [illegible] and the doctors advised me [illegible] farming. I came to Gray co[unty] [illegible] cause land was cheap and the [illegible] tate men assured me that [illegible] has ceased to be arid because [illegible] general breaking up of the lan[d] [illegible] put all my money in land and [illegible] and settled down to be a wheat [illegible] I have never grown 50 bushels [illegible] altogether on the 70 acres I planted [illegible] four successive years. An agent [illegible] loan company came along in 18[illegible]7 and induced me to borrow $2,000 on my farm and house. I was able to make one payment of interest to [illegible] in Hartford, Conn. In 1890 he foreclosed and took the land, as he should. Wife and I were too proud to let our friends know the miserable failure we had made out here. So we moved over on a deserted farm two miles away, and together we made a sod house or dugout in the side of a hill. There is where we have since lived. Three children have been born to us there, and we have managed to keep our family together by everlasting pinching. Economy is not the word for it—that's only a mockery of what we've had to do. We have no neighbors nearer than seven miles, and they are Russian peasants. I haven't unnecessarily spent one cent that I know of in six years. All of us have gone barefoot five months in the year, and saved our brogan shoes for cold weather. Hundreds of times we have made a sort of porridge of ground oats and corn that we bought for our horse, and have had that for our meal. We have not had meat at our home for three months at a time. For weeks we have not been to town—sixteen miles away, and for months in succession I have not read a borrowed newspaper—buying one was out of the question. The few old books we had left have been read through and through literally thousands of times. My oldest boy knows whole plays of Shakespeare and Pilgrim's Progress by heart, and I have shed more silent tears than I am willing to confess at the abject poverty my children have had to face, when wife and I were in luxury at their ages.

"But we ought to be glad that at last the clouds are breaking. I have worked as a day laborer for a Russian farmer for 50 cents a day, and was glad to get the work, and then walk six miles home to my family at night. I have tried 20 times or more to get a place as a school teacher anywhere, but girls only are wanted out here for such places. Once I had a chance to teach for $25 a month in a town 75 miles away. I walked there. The very next day I heard that my wife was down sick with pneumonia and back I started for home. The place was filled at once by a girl whose parents were as poor as we. As for teaching Latin or Greek out here, why, one might as well try to tutor the wandering Arabs. Three years ago I bought on my promise to pay sometime several calves. With these as a nucleus we started a herd. My boys have helped, and manfully at that, while I have worked for the Russian. This year when cattle have risen to $30 a head I have sold several head and have more left. We now sell milk to the new creamery ten miles away and have made about $24 a month for ten months. You don't know how prosperous that sounds. Luckily we bought several sheep last winter and they have risen in value over 150 per cent. By another year we shall have doubled our cattle and sheep, and then we may be in comparatively easy circumstances. If all goes well we shall have an income of $300 or $400 a year by 1899, and that will seem like heaven for us."

DUN'S REPORT.

While the nation stands ready to support President McKinley, as it was ready to support President Cleveland, in any just controversy, it is gratified by the calmness and justice shown in waiting until facts determine whether there is ground for complaint. Stories of the most reckless sort, disproved promptly, and many of them before they are told, affected speculation in stocks much last week, and at times this week, but they have not disturbed the industries and the trade of the country at all. There is confidence that the authorities are doing what is proper to provide for public defence, and business is moving on with the assurance that it will not be seriously disturbed. The nation looks for peace, but knows that its sources of prosperity are quite beyond the reach of any attack that is possible. In grain, cotton, meat products and petroleum, markets have been stronger, with gradual increase in the demand for manufactured products.

Failures in February have been smaller than in any other month, except three of the previous fifty two months, with remarkable decrease in the failures for $100,000 and over, though in number and amount the smaller failures show less change than might have been expected, indicating that in good times or bad a large proportion is due to causes apart from the general condition of business. The ratio of defaulted liabilities to payments through clearing houses is but $1.71 per $1,000, a lower rate than has appeared in the first quarter of any year, except 1880 and 1881, of the past twenty three years. The evidence of general safety and solvency is gratifying, while in most branches of manufacture and trade defaults are smaller than in February for four years past.

The best evidence of general improvement is the fact that payments through clearing houses for the past week have been 36.0 per cent. larger than in 1892, and outside New York, with its speculative interest, 17 5 per cent. Compared with last year the gain has been 56 3 per cent. for the week, and 48 8 per cent. for February. This startling expansion in the volume of actual business is not due to advance in prices. Wheat is not now higher than in 1892 while cotton has been lower and iron and all manufactured products. In spite of much reduction in rates, railroad earnings in February are 3 8 per cent. larger than in 1892 nearly all important sections showing a gain, while east bound tonnage from Chicago for four weeks has been 400,955 tons, 15 1-2 per cent. larger than last year, and 3 1 per cent. larger than 1892.

Production of pig iron is the greatest ever known, some furnaces having started in the past month, but Bessemer billets are so scarce at Chicago that some works are embarrassed, and heavy purchases at Pittsburg, including one of 35,000 tons, have stiffened the price so that Bessemer pig and to [illegible] coke at Chicago are stronger than since November 1st, with Grey Forge unchanged at Pittsburg [illegible] at the [illegible] slightly lower, but pig having been offered in a sharp competition at about $10 though southern makers in Alabama and Tennessee excepting two, have agreed upon [illegible] of sales through a commission. The demand for finished products covers work far ahead in plates, structural forms, sheets, in pipe since the advance in oil and in rails, with a Chicago sale for a Canada road to Alaska, [illegible] bar is weak with increasing use [illegible] and the plates are quoted at $2 [illegible] against $4 for the same quality of [illegible] [illegible] is stronger at 14 7 cts and Lake [illegible] per at 11 87 cts.

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No 106

AN ACT

"[For] the promotion of medical science by [the] distribution and use of unclaimed bodies for scientific purposes through a board created for that purpose and to prevent unauthorized uses and traffic in human bodies."

After describing the privileges and power of this board under "the professors of anatomy in the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, under the provisions of this act," appears the following:

"Section 2 All public officers, agents and servants, and all officers, agents and servants of any and every county, city, town[ship], borough, district and other municipality and of any and every alms house, prison, morgue, hospital or other public institution having charge or control over dead human bodies, required to be buried at the public expense, are hereby required to notify the said board of distribution or such person or persons as may, from time to time, be designated by said board or its duly authorized officer or agent, whenever any such body or bodies come to his or their possession, charge or control, and shall, without fee or reward, deliver such body or bodies, and permit and suffer the said board and its agents, and the [physicians] and surgeons from time to time [designated] by them, who may comply with the [provisions] of this act, to take and remove [all such] bodies to be used within this State for the advancement of medical science, but no such notice need be given nor shall any such body be delivered if any person claiming to be and satisfying the authorities in charge of said body that he or she is of kindred or is related by marriage to the deceased, shall claim the said body for burial, but it shall be surrendered for interment, nor shall the notice be given or body delivered if such deceased person was a traveler who died suddenly, in which case the said body shall be buried.

"Section 3 The said board or their duly authorized agent may take and receive such bodies so delivered as aforesaid, and shall, upon receiving them, distribute and deliver them to and among the schools, colleges, physicians and surgeons aforesaid, in manner following * * * Provided always however, That schools and colleges incorporated and unincorporated, and physicians and surgeons of the county where the death of the person or such person described takes place, shall be preferred to all others. And provided also, That for this purpose such dead body shall be held subject to their order in the county where the death occurs for a period of not less than twenty-four hours."

Sections 4, 5 and 6 give particulars in regard to the process and obligations required between this board and the Commonwealth.

"Section 7 That any person having duties enjoined upon him by the provisions of this act who shall neglect, refuse or omit to perform the same as hereby required, shall on conviction thereof, be liable to fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars for each offense.

"Section 8 That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

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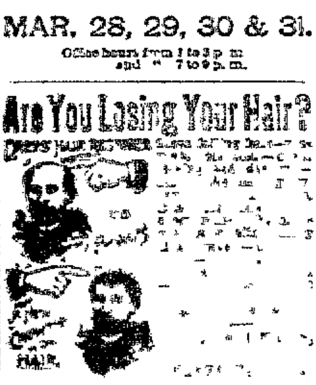

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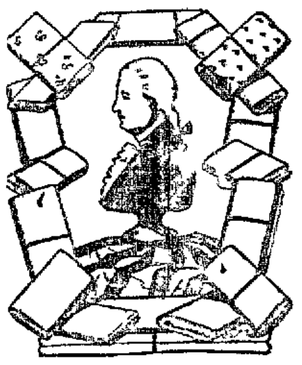

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do not forget to look through the fine grocery department, where you will find many things to tempt you at very reasonable prices, for instance—

Maple Syrup, guaranteed pure, per gal,	$1 00
Pure Buckwheat Flour, 25 lb. sack,	60c
Fresh made Dairy Butter, per pound	25c
Worcestershire Sauce, Durkee's Salad Dressing and Snider's Home made Catsup, per bottle,	25c
Coffee, per pound,	12 to 35c
Tea, " "	25 to 50c

And there are other goods too numerous to mention at prices that cannot be beaten. Call and examine for yourself. Courteous treatment whether you buy or not. All goods bought and sold for cash.

D. C. YOUNG,
Jan 4, 1898 Smethport, Pa.

STOP! READ! and REFLECT!
And then go to
BROWNELL BROTHERS,
Where you will find a carefully and well selected stock of
DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,
FURNISHING GOODS,
HATS, CAPS. BOOTS and SHOES.
AND A CHOICE LINE OF THE
FINEST GROCERIES
TO BE FOUND IN TOWN AT
ROCK-BOTTOM PRICES.

FREE! FREE!!

You can get a sample of

KEMP'S BALSAM

and a package of

LANE'S TEA,

with calendars and almanacs, free of charge, at

Armstrong & Co.'s,
Opposite Court House. SMETHPORT, PA.

Our stock of Spring Shoes Has arrived.

It embraces the newest styles of nobby footwear in

Qualities that Cannot be excelled

We invite your inspection and solicit your patronage knowing we can serve you to your advantage with STYLES, QUALITIES and PRICES IN YOUR FAVOR

New EMBROIDERIES, LACES and WASH GOODS are arriving Look at them while you are here

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes.

Feb 3 1898. Smethport, Pa.

A Lasting Impression is made by presenting your friend with your picture But it must be a good one and to get a good one this is the place to come to The light makes no difference—dark days just as good as bright ones.

If you want a good crayon at better figures than agents can give you call on or address

"IKE" GLEASON, The Photographer.

Smethport, Pa

"SHOES."

We will send to any responsible person SHOES to select from We have everything in

Fine Shoes

In styles and quality that cannot be purchased in any small town We make a specialty of FINE SHOES every width and size

BURT & PACKARD'S Korrect Shape Shoes for Men. We refer you to our many customers in Smethport

R. W. Bloodsworth & Co.,

Olean, N. Y.

Commence the New Year by Smoking

The American Gentleman Cigar.

You will never regret the good resolution you have started. For sale at all first-class cigar stands in Smethport and vicinity

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY MAR 11, 1898

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Pretty Typewriter

She sat down before the machine
Her fingers poised in the air
The sunlight glanced over the screen
And lit up the bronze in her hair
"You are ready?" The time we began
Now Wanted a dear little wife
By the [illegible] bachelor man
She brought the steel keys back to life
She must be both pretty and wise
Have the patience of Job in her breast
[illegible] in her eyes
Must be neatly and tastefully dressed
[illegible]
With a [illegible]
Her fair fingers fell with a crash
"Good gracious, you're looking for me!"
New York Evening Journal

—Clean up your back yards

—St Patrick's Day next Thursday

—Note change in the B, R & P time table.

—See Andrew Kelly's notice to supervisors

—Republican primaries one week from to-morrow

—Argument court will be held Tuesday March 15

—Don't forget to read a law of Pennsylvania in this issue

—There are nine prisoners in Castle Davis at the present time

—Miss Mary O'Mara has been appointed postmistress at Red Rock

—The ladies of Port Allegany are raising funds to build a band stand

—The county commissioners held court of appeals at Kane the first of the week

—Read McCoys' Drug Store adv Max Home-O Cold Specific is growing popular in this section.

—John Forrest has had workmen engaged for several days making improvements in his residence.

—Old Man Racket is again to the front with a new adv As usual his whole store is a bargain counter

—Silas Dickey was committed to jail by J J O'Connell of Mt. Alton last Friday on the charge of larceny

—The following letter remains uncalled for in the postoffice for the week ending March 5 Miss Hester Grimes.

—The first batch of delegates to the annual crow convention on town hill arrived the forepart of the week

—Gardner Callen of East Smethport, who has been suffering with a severe attack of grip, is improving slowly

—Noah Thornton of East Smethport will move into the Medbury residence on Lower Main street the first of April

—Comrade A H Peirce has various kinds of game cocks for sale. Here is a chance for Port Allegany to get a supply

—Joe Youngs of Buffalo and "Tod" Bailey of Bradford are billed for a 20 round "go" at Mt. Alton next Thursday.

—H W Rubin & Co have been adding to the appearance of their store room by a coat of paint. L. Koenig was the artist

—Sheriff J F Davis and E M Kerns departed for Pittsburg last Tuesday morning with A B Ruth and Judy Jones.

—Purtle's Nunundah Steam Laundry is developing into quite an industry for Smethport. He now keeps eight persons steadily employed.

—Report reached here from Costello, Potter county, that the business portion of the town had been destroyed by fire recently involving a loss of $65,000.

—Note change in the adv. of Mrs. E. E. Chambers She advertises a "removal sale" and offers goods at exceptionally low prices

Mrs. D C Young gave the ladies of the C L S C a novel little surprise on Tuesday afternoon A most enjoyable time is reported

—Charles Mayer of Bradford who has been serving time in the county jail for stealing a bicycle, was released last Wednesday morning

—C A Olmstead has been confined to his room at the Wright House with a severe attack of grip for several days but is now improving

—The reliable furnishing house of H W Marcus, Olean has inaugurated a dress goods sale this week Read the adv and profit thereby

—The new plans for the Appert glass company buildings at Port Allegany reduce the size of that plant one third from the former specifications

—Last week the MINER received another consignment of Klondike poetry and after careful perusal concluded to hide it in the waste basket

—George Philbrook of Bradford was committed to jail by Justice Barlow on the charge of larceny Tom Osborne escorted him hum to castle Davis

—Mrs E E Chambers has workmen engaged in remodelling her store room, next to the postoffice It will have a pleasing appearance when finished

—The MINER desires to congratulate P B Anderson of Kane At the last council meeting he was appointed city solicitor and secretary to the council.

—Mr Chester Church and Miss Sarah Feathers, both of Fishing Creek, near Roulette were joined in wedlock recently In fact the Feathers were dropped in Church

—Ye editor is under obligations to the Guitar and Mandolin club for some very fine music rendered in front of his residence Wednesday night. Thanks Come again gentlemen

—The Appert glass company let the contract for the erection of their buildings at Port Allegany last Tuesday It is supposed that Burch and Van Wegen are the lucky parties

—While scuffling in front of the school house last Monday Leo Herzog unjointed one of the fingers of his right hand and tore the finger nail therefrom Dr Clark dressed the injured member

—Any one having an old calendar of 1887 may successfully utilize it for this year as 1898 is an exact reproduction, holidays and all This will not again occur until 1915 —Olean Times

—Dr and Mrs Burg Chadwick are entertaining a young lady at their home, arrived at 1 30 p m Tuesday Paregoric and soothing syrup will go up a notch at the Palace Pharmacy this week.

—Miss Susan B Anthony, who has fought men all her life, is hale and hearty at 79 —Ceres Mail After such a long drawn-out battle please enlighten us as to what kind of a weapon she used

—If war should come hundreds and thousands who are vociferously shouting to have the strife commence would be looking around for a substitute, in case there was any danger of their being drafted

—Alexander S Brewster, one of Wellsboro's most honored citizens, died last Saturday night aged 86 years He had been a resident of Wellsboro for 69 years and held the office of justice of the peace for 15 consecutive years

—See change in the advertisement of John Vanblad The MINER is pleased to note that John is meeting with abundant success, of which he is deserving as he is one of the best practical blacksmiths and horseshoers in the county

—It is now grandpa Joseph Holder Yesterday morning Mrs Foster Studholm presented her husband with a bouncing baby boy Foster is hastening home from Canada and grandpa Holder is setting up the cigars perhaps

—George W Short of Chatham sent in a bottle to this office one day last week a collection of grasshoppers which were caught by him in the open field on February 17 1898 They are a lively set and seem to be enjoying life hugely.—Westfield Free Press

—The Rev Allen C Prescott of St Joseph's church, Port Allegany, officiated at St Luke's church on Wednesday last at the service for children These services are held every Wednesday during Lent at 4 15 p m The children manifest much interest in them

—The Republicans of Warren county have three able candidates in the field seeking the nomination of judge. Hons. W. M Lindsey, William Schnur and D I Ball Either of the above gentlemen would ably fill the place made vacant by the death of Judge Noyes

—Mr and Mrs. A T Palmer gave a reception last Friday night in honor of Mr and Mrs William Herzog The members of the Epworth League and the M E choir, of which organizations Mrs. Herzog is a member participated A most enjoyable time is reported

—John C Duel a resident of Red House died at the hospital at an early hour this morning. He was about 75 years of age and leaves a family Deceased was brought from Red House to the hospital for treatment several days ago —Bradford Era, Wednesday

—Ice harvesters in this section have met with very poor success this winter There were a few days when thin ice might have been harvested, but everyone wanted better ice Our hotel men and others in need of the article will be compelled to ship in ice from a distance

—Rev Dr Walker will preach from the following subjects next Sunday, March 13 In the morning, "The Invisible Good, or What the Future Promises." In the evening, the second of a series of lecture sermons previously announced Subject, "The Fall of Man and the Promise." A most cordial invitation extended to all

—For the past few days there have been several fake opticians canvassing the town for work and charging from $3 to $10 for cheap spectacles Do not patronize these fakirs any more Drs. Houseworth and Hicks are two reliable gentlemen who visit our town regularly, and if work does not suit it can be exchanged but with the travelers there is no recourse

—Prof H P Van Liew gave three very interesting lectures at the Methodist Episcopal church, last Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings Saturday evening his subject was "The Slums of New York" Sunday he delivered a sermon and Monday he lectured on "Child Life in the Slums." The illustrations of his subjects were excellent and his large audiences speak highly of him

—The new council convened last Monday night. D C. Young was elected president, Warley Gifford, secretary, Jonathan Colegrove, treasurer J W Bouton was retained as borough counsel C O Anderson was re-elected street commissioner The council as organized consists of the following members D C Young, Warley Gifford, J Colegrove, Burg Chadwick, Chas Johnson, Carl Sasse and Ed. Hodgenfeld.

—Subscribers who are in arrears for over one year need not be surprised if they are asked to settle to an attorney They have been repeatedly notified as thus far have [illegible] request. [illegible] the hands of an attorney [illegible] April 1 unless [illegible] We [illegible] bills to pay and take this method of giving notice to our subscribers

—It pays to advertise in the MINER A few weeks ago an adv appeared concerning a watch that had been stolen from a house in town The watch came back, with the following note. "As I am ashamed my boy came home with this wach some 4 weeks ago and I never loked hoes it was till satorday so to salve hard feelings will leave it here as I do not waunt it know Your Best frend"

—Reginald de Koven and Sir Arthur Sullivan have both been commissioned by the Ladies Home Journal to give a musical setting to Rudyard Kipling's great "Recessional" poem written for the Queen's Jubilee De Koven has finished his setting of the poem as a hymn with chorus and solo, and the composition will be published in its entirety in a forthcoming issue of the Ladies' Home Journal

—This morning at 4 o clock, the old Douglas grist mill, at the foot of Hilton street was discovered to be on fire The refinery and locomotive whistles gave an alarm which was followed by the ringing of the bell on Quintuple Hill The firemen dragged their apparatus to the scene of the blaze, but in vain. The inflammable wooden structure burned rapidly and in a short time was reduced to a heap of glowing embers The old mill was a landmark, having been erected before the oil period The origin of the fire, at this writing is unknown —Wednesday's Era

—Sulphate of quinine has some very curious properties, one of them being its power to impress an image of itself on a sheet of sensitive paper in the dark. If a design be drawn on a sheet of paper with sulphate of quinine, exposed for a few minutes to the sun, then placed on a sheet of sensitive paper put in a book and left for a few hours, a perfect image of the drawing will be found impressed on the sheet of paper Writing may be copied on sensitive paper in this way, but it must be reversed, or the writing will be reversed on the sensitive paper —Harper's Round Table

—The report having appeared in print that Mrs I R Taylor had fallen heir to $27 000, we asked Mr Taylor for a correct statement It is true that by the death of a great uncle each of Mrs. Taylor's children have entailed to them one-seventh of an estate of $170,000 and by the provisions of the will Mrs. Taylor will possibly receive during life not only the interest on her children's share, but stands a good chance of receiving interest on the entire $170 000 However, the money by the terms of the will may not be available for several years In addition to this Mrs Taylor has received two small bequests by the death of other relatives that will be available in a year

—John S Miller, the colored man who claims to have been burned at Corry, by Thomas Oliver, proprietor of the Phenix hotel, William Plumb, editor of the Corry Flyer, and a man named Kelleher, is in Pittsburg where he is being looked after by his attorney, Walter E. Billows Attorney Billows said that he will push the suit entered at Pittsburg for $10,000 damages and will produce some sensational testimony against these three defendants when the case comes up for trial Billows went to Corry and looked up the matter and says he is being assisted in his work by several newspapers that published the story and were afterwards threatened by the defendants —Bradford Post.

—Judge Morrison has rendered a decision in the case of Ellen C Hanna vs. Junius R Clark The findings of facts etc, cover some 60 pages of type written manuscript Among the conclusions are The plaintiff has established the fact that Julius R Clark is a trustee, that the trust existing ought to be ended, that there should be an accounting to the plaintiff, that she is entitled to have a partition of the unsold lands, and to such conveyances as may be necessary to establish her title to a share of the lands. Samuel R Taylor of New York and Thomas F Richmond of Smethport were the plaintiff's attorneys. Berry & Edgett appeared for the defendant.—Bradford Record

—The Travelers' Club rendered an excellent program last Saturday. Each member was accompanied by a guest, it being Visitors' day according to the Club calendar The literary work for the day consisted of a paper on the War of the Spanish Succession by Mrs Sheridan Gorton a book review, Blackmore's Lorna Doone by Miss Brennan and a debate Resolved that Education should be made Compulsory Affirmative, Mrs. D L Forsythe, negative, Mrs. J N Apple Each lady held her ground valiantly and the arguments of each showed careful thought and research among piles of statistics, but it is the general opinion that the negative side had a little the best of it

—Last Saturday forenoon the sad intelligence reached this office that bright little Vera Gilbert, the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs. T J Gilbert, formerly of this place but now of Machias, N. Y had died the day previous of heart-failure The news saddened the heart of everyone in the office and their memory went back for a space of two years when her presence used to brighten the usual gloom that generally predominates in a printing office Everyone on the force had a kind and pleasant word for Vera, or "Jerry", as she was playfully called for it was her delight to come into the office and have a chat. The few years of childhood that she spent here on earth were of the brightest. She has escaped the trials and cares that follow later in life. The MINER tenders sympathy to the bereaved family in this sad hour of affliction The funeral was held at Coudersport Monday afternoon

—At a regular business meeting of the Smethport Glee Club last Monday evening the committee on ways and means laid before the members its plan for the best way by which to insure the permanent organization of the Glee Club, viz To obtain the most desirable rooms and fit them up so that club members may have a place in which to spend leisure time in reading and other amusements and in which to hold rehearsals and practices in music. It was determined to give this plan a good trial Thirty-five men have signed for the support of such a club for three months. During that time the club will give a concert in the opera house and the success or failure of that concert will be according to the amount of interest and co-operation shown by the members and will determine whether the organization shall be continued or disbanded at the expiration of three months. The committee expects to secure rooms in the Callar building on or before April 1 As each one of these 35 men is pledged to make this club a success, we may look for good results from the organization

I have fifteen pairs of boys rubber boots sizes 1 to 6 formerly sold for $1 00 per pair that I will sell for $1 45 per pair.

Callar Block. ALBERT ANDERSON, Smethport, Pa.

The Rich Lumber Company

[illegible] of the Rich [illegible] [illegible] community.

Mr Ford's of the firm of Ford Bros, who have manufactured the lumber of the Rich people for a number of years at Gardeau and who have closed a contract for the manufacturing of the stock from the Union Oil Company lands for the same firm Mr Ford informs the Herald that the last hemlock log possessed by the Rich Lumber Company at Gardeau will pass the saws about the 20 h of the present month and that immediately after the work of dismantling the mill will be commenced and preparations made for shipment to this point

The new mill which the Ford Brothers will erect for the manufacture of the lumber from the Union Oil Company lands will be out of the ordinary, especially the frame This will be of iron and steel throughout The frame will be of structural steel and will be manufactured by the Berlin Iron Bridge Company of Berlin, Connecticut, and will be erected under the supervision of a representative of that firm The sides and roof will be covered with iron This will be the first structure of the kind for saw mill purposes and shows a decided step in advance of all others in the direction of an indestructible saw mill The difference in cost between an iron and wood frame is not so great as a person who has not looked into the matter would suppose. Mr. Ford demonstrates that the gain in the rate of insurance in four years will cover the entire difference in cost

The machinery will consist of a band saw, and possibly a band re-saw, and the other paraphernalia which goes to make up a high grade mill. It will be equipped throughout with electric lights and will run night and day the year round

It is expected that the Rich company will begin the laying of rails about the first of April at which time an engine will be sent here from Gardeau and continue until the eight miles of road already graded is completed The mill will be ready for operation as soon as bark peels and possibly a little before that time —Mt Jewett Herald

St Elizabeth's Church

Wednesday morning at 9 o clock Rev Father Flood celebrated a solemn requiem mass for the deceased seamen of the United States battleship Maine After mass Father Flood performed the absolution and preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon to the occasion. The interior of the church was tastefully decorated with American flags and the handsome altar was artistically draped in mourning Outside the sanctuary was placed the catafalque, covered with American flags The congregation left the church deeply impressed with the solemn and imposing grandeur of the occasion

Smethport's Only Exclusive Shoe Store.

Albert Anderson, the well known boot and shoe maker at 212 Main street, has conducted that business for over twenty years and is a first-class workman who guarantees satisfaction in every instance He also repairs boots and shoes neatly and promptly About four years ago Mr Anderson connected with his shoe shop a line of ready made boots and shoes for gentlemen, ladies, misses and children Being an expert judge of leather of all kinds he naturally understands all about buying shoes and any shoes purchased from his stock can be depended upon as the very best Mr Anderson came to Smethport in 1887 eleven years ago and during that time has proven himself a thoroughly reliable dealer in every respect

Household Gods.

The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family They were worshipped as household gods in every home The household god of to-day is Dr King's New Discovery For consumption coughs, colds, and for all affections of throat, chest and lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure, or money returned No household should be without this good angel It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at A B Armstrong & Co's drug store Regular size 50c and $1 00

It is or should be the highest aim of every merchant to please his customers, and that the wide awake drug firm of Meyers & Eshleman, Sterling Ill, is doing so, is proven by the following from Mr Eshleman In my sixteen years' experience in the drug business I have neither seen or sold or tried a medicine that gave as good satisfaction as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy Sold by A B Armstrong & Co

Right In It.

That' where Dr Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is The greatest remedy for the stomach that was ever put together Absolutely vegetable, with the exception of the Pepsin Are you constipated? Then try Syrup Pepsin Have you indigestion or sick headache? Then use Syrup Pepsin Spend 10c for a trial bottle and you will be convinced Large sizes 50c and $1 00 A true family remedy At A B Armstrong & Co

On the morning of Feb. 20, 1895, I was sick with rheumatism and lay in bed until May 21st when I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm The first application of it relieved me almost entirely from the pain and the second afforded complete relief In a short time I was able to be up and out again —A. T. Moreaux, Luverne, Minn. Sold by A. B Armstrong & Co.

To the Supervisors of McKean and adjoining counties

I have a large stock of tile on hand at Smethport, Port Allegany, Eldred and Clermont and will sell it at the lowest prices This tile is made from fire clay, salt vitrified and warranted to stand water frost and acids All sizes suitable for sluices and culverts on hand. Apply to

10-4t A REILLY, Smethport, Pa.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded Price 25 cents per box For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered Safe and harmless for children. A B. Armstrong & Co

There are three little things which do more work than any other three little things created—they are the ant, the bee and DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the last being the famous little pills for stomach and liver troubles A. B. Armstrong & Co

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

A B Armstrong & Co. guarantee the [illegible] "Trial to give entire satisfaction [illegible] money.

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PERSONAL MENTION

[illegible] in town [illegible]

[illegible] was from Kane Wednesday of [illegible]

County Commissioner Lemuel Davis went to Kane Sunday

Mrs F C. Pierce returned from a visit to Warren on Wednesday

W W Drewer of Mt Jewett was in town on business Wednesday.

O H Gordsell was greeting old friends in town the first of the week

Mrs T H Ryan has been visiting Kane friends, says the Republican

R B Stone and Mrs Bertha Howe were over from Bradford yesterday

A R Sloan of Eldred transacted business at the court house Wednesday

J J. McCarey of Turtle Point was greeting old friends in town Wednesday

Mrs B S Wright and Miss Bertha Kerns visited Bradford friends yesterday

I I Marsh was up from Eldred on important business last Sunday night

Pat Kilday came over from Port Allegany Monday He says Port is booming

Jack Scanlon is at his home in Colegrove. He has just returned from an eastern trip

W F Specht and C A Burdick visited Bradford yesterday on insurance business

C W Catlin and little daughter, Florence, of Port Allegany were in town last Wednesday

Miss Eva Leers of Bradford visited her foster parents, Mr and Mrs. Erastus Curtis, over Sunday

G. W Burdick, one of the prominent citizens of Norwich, was a most agreeable caller at this office last Monday

C S King and E P Dalrymple came over from Port Allegany Wednesday afternoon on a business mission

Michael O Reilly and daughter, Mrs Margaret Barker, went to Pittsburg Monday to visit relatives in that section

Miss Gretchen Gifford of Smethport visited her brother, Guy Gifford, and wife the latter part of the week —Reporter

Mrs Clara Cornforth and daughter, Lois, left for their home in Kansas Thursday, after a six months sojourn in this borough

Mr and Mrs Cummings of Smethport were in town Monday in attendance at the funeral of Vera Gilbert —Potter Journal

A J Mason came up from Jamestown Monday night He was evidently hunting for recruits to join his Spanish expedition

K E Larrick and W P Walsh enjoyed a pleasant drive to Hazelhurst last Sunday They were wonderfully pleased with their trip

Mrs J Lester Ward and two children came over from Port Allegany last Saturday evening and spent Sunday with Mr Ward at the Central

Commissioners Young and Hungiville and J I Ward clerk, were in Kane the fore part of the week hearing appeals from the triennial assessment

Geo Wack of this place and Mr and Mrs Chas Scheure of Ormsby started last Monday morning for Butte, Montana They may possibly go to Idaho before their trip is finished

Carlyle Wolford of Port Allegany was a most agreeable caller Wednesday He stated that the ground for the Appert glass plant had been selected and was between 40 and 60 rods northwest of the depot

Rev J Heber McCandless was called to Pittsburg last week by the serious illness of his mother The chances are that he will not be home next Sunday Services at St Luke's will be held at the usual hour

Judge Brownell of Smethport was a welcome visitor to the borough a couple of days last week Mr Brownell is an old citizen of McKean and it is the privilege of few men in the county to be more respected —Port Allegany Reporter

Thomas Goodwin, Jr, of Wilder, Jackson Co., Minn, and a son of Thomas Goodwin of Farmers Valley, was a most agreeable caller at this office yesterday Mr Goodwin has been absent from this locality for over 14 years He looks hale and hearty and seems to enjoy western life

Court Minutes.

The case of the Com vs Charles D. Seaman, furnishing liquor on election day, was called The judge instructed the jury to find the defendant not guilty and the prosecutor, William J Owens, pay the costs

The Com vs Wm J Healy, assault and battery W J Counsel, plaintiff, alleged that while working in the woods near Hazel Hurst the defendant, without any provocation, assaulted him and struck him several times Defendant testified that Counsel attacked him with a canthook and was forced to defend himself A witness in the case on being asked if he was not related to the prosecutor replied that he was a cousin to the brother of the prosecutor He was then asked how he could be related to one brother and not to the other He replied that he was a nephew of the wife of the prosecutor's brother The jury, after remaining out two and a half hours, returned a verdict of not guilty but defendant pay costs

Com vs Ed. Murphy, motion for a nol pros granted

B F Hazelton vs Stephen Callinan motion for judgment for want of an appearance granted

H C Bagley vs Matthew Ruddy, Sr, motion for a nol pros granted

City of Bradford vs Joseph Hofstein, motion for judgment for want of an appearance granted

A petition, appraisement and decree setting aside real estate for the widow in the matter of the estate of W J Hussey, deceased, was confirmed nisi and will be confirmed absolute on March 15, 1898, unless exceptions be filed before that time

Topping Bros. & Co vs W A Hutchinson, motion for judgment for want of a sufficient affidavit of defense granted

C D Middlebrook & Co vs E N Mayo, motion to continue hearing of rule to show cause granted

Asa J. Champlain vs Flora Champlain, divorce T F Richmond appointed commissioner to take testimony

Lawrence Bauer vs Samuel Bloomster and John Bloomster, motion for judgment in default of an appearance and rule on prothonotary to assess the plaintiff's damages granted

Mary G Brown vs Taylor Brown, divorce, court appointed J W. Bouton commissioner to take evidence

Jesse M Hall vs George W Huth, motion for discontinuance granted

Com vs Frank Gill and James McGerald, larceny guilty $25 fine, costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for four months

Com vs Ben Gibson, larceny, pleaded guilty Sentenced to pay fine of $25, costs of prosecution and three months imprisonment in the county jail

Com vs Ida Strobridge, practicing medicine without registering Defendant plead guilty in open court and gave bail in the sum of $300 for her appearance at the June term of court

Com vs W. H and Bert Parkinson, malicious mischief, continued till June term and the defendants furnished bail in the sum of $500 for their appearance

C D Middlebrook & Co vs E N Mayo Defendant gave a bond in the sum of $2,000 for his appearance at the April civil court

The report of the viewers on the matter of vacating a road in Ceres township was confirmed absolutely

The Court approved the bond of John A Anderson, tax collector of Mt Jewett

Com vs Frank Brown (alias A B Ruth) who was charged with the abduction of Grace Lee, was found guilty, and on Saturday the Court sentenced him to pay $200 fine and costs of prosecution and undergo solitary confinement in the penitentiary at Allegheny for 4 years and 4 months

Com vs Theodore Camer, larceny of a pipe worth about 25 or 50 cents at the outside The attorney for the Commonwealth asked the jury to find a verdict of not guilty, which they did without leaving their seats

Com vs Judy Jones and Marsh Bigler charged with chicken stealing Bigler was discharged and Jones was convicted of the theft. The Court sentenced him to pay a fine of $50, costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment at Allegheny for one year and 4 months.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup

is the best known remedy for consumption, coughs, colds and all throat and chest troubles. Every bottle is guaranteed. It is the best remedy for children Sold by Chadwick's drug store.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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in the [illegible] of [illegible] Jamestown [illegible] on a warrant [illegible] Mrs. Degan of Marshburg [illegible] dancing masters and their wives were in the habit of boarding around at different houses in the village where they taught the art terpsichore and that at several of these hospitable houses articles of value were missed so frequently that it was impossible not to suspect the dancers of also being thieves. Mrs. Degan at whose house the quartet had recently stopped had a gold watch stolen and it was with a view of locating her missing property that the warrant was issued The men were given a hearing Tuesday afternoon at which McBride was discharged Fillbrook was held in the sum of $300 for his appearance at the June term of court

The B, R & P railway carries a tremendous amount of coal through Bradford from the mines to various points along the line and it has been noticed by the officials that the quantity of coal diminishes perceptibly between the points where it is loaded and unloaded For several weeks it has been known that much coal was stolen from the cars and last week a couple of the thieves were caught They were Willie Martin and Frank Baker boys about 12 years old The little fellows were seen throwing coal off the cars in the Sixth ward yards and afterwards peddled it around with a horse and cart They were arrested and at their hearing Saturday afternoon were bound over to the June term of court in the sum of $100 bail The officials of the road are determined to break up this practice which prevails to a surprising extent, but it is a pity some older offenders are not caught

Local lovers of sport had a high old time here Monday night Two Buffalo pugilists, named respectively Callahan and Goldstein, signed articles to fight at Clarkdale park under the auspices of the Clarkdale Athletic Club Monday evening about 200 men boarded the trolleys and went to the park prepared to see a fine bout Fifteen o clock was the time set for the fun to begin but when that time arrived Callahan refused to toe the scratch on account of the small audience present Tod Bailey a promising fighter whose home is in this city offered to take his place His offer was accepted by Goldstein and for six rounds Tod although not in condition and sporting two badly swollen hands kept the Jew hustling In the seventh round the decision was given to Goldstein on a foul and the spectators departed for their homes poorer in pocket but richer in experience

The report of the city assessors that was recently completed shows a decided increase in the valuation of Bradford property The increase by wards is as follows First $5 [illegible] Second $4 [illegible] Third $10 000 Fourth $6 [illegible] Fifth $3,550 Sixth $51 [illegible] total increase [illegible] The largest increase it will be seen has been in the Sixth ward The ward was formerly Tarport and the valuation of property in it was about the lowest in the city Since its annexation to Bradford proper the place has grown wonderfully and has now some of the nicest residences in the city The paving of East Main street has increased the valuation of property on that thoroughfare, and the new industries located in the ward also raise the value

Accidents to the power house of the Electric Street Railway are so common that nobody is surprised any more when the road is tied up for several hours at a time Saturday morning the big belt that winds around the giant wheel of the engine and also the dynamo, at the Derrick City power house broke in the middle and thrashed around the floor till it was split and frayed about 20 feet making it practically useless No power could be generated until 4 p m when the Rock City power house was utilized Until that time cars were at a standstill in various parts of the city It was found necessary to send to Buffalo for a man to repair the damage

It is very doubtful if Bradford is to have an interchangeable switch For a long time such an addition to the city's facilities has been talked of and the council went so far as to appoint a committee to confer with the officials of the various railways that enter the city. The B R & P and W N Y & P are willing to have such a switch placed but the Erie will have none of it. As it is the Erie commands the situation and has a monopoly on all the freight business in the most important parts of the city, a monopoly that the road will probably not soon relinquish

Chas F Schawb, the photographer, received a queer present the other day The present came from Florida in a small pasteboard box with perforated sides. When opened it was found to contain a live alligator nearly two feet long The animal although so small is an ugly looking brute and attracted quite a crowd to Walter Grubb's stables where it was kept

B F Hazelton who has been dangerously ill for a long time is recovering slowly but it is hoped completely Col J C Fox has recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia sufficiently to enable him to go to Cambridge to recuperate C P McAllister another prominent citizen is very ill and his life is in serious danger

The Bradford Gun Club are preparing to move their shooting range from the place where it formerly was, near the upper end of Washington street A meeting was held at the parlors of the St James last Wednesday evening and a committee of two appointed to look for suitable grounds.

Uncle Tom's Cabin delighted the children and helped while away the time of older persons at the opera house Tuesday Wednesday evening the Schumann Ladies Orchestra played to a small audience Tomorrow evening Robert Mantell will present A Secret Warrant

The Y M C A is trying to buy, or will try to buy the old Orpheus hall with a view to remodeling the building into a home for the association Some members of the Orpheus club do not approve of this plan and are talking of purchasing the hall for a club house

Several Bradford people will witness the double execution that is to take place in the Ridgway jail April 26 when Patsey Banyan and Fred Rockwell will expiate with their lives the crime of murder

The annual Purim ball was given by the Jewish ladies of Temple Beth Zion at Exchange Lyceum Monday evening It was in the nature of a domino party and the affair was a great success.

ANNIN CREEK

Some of our physicians seem to think they have done to the public a great favor in putting a stop to the practice of medicine by Dr Ida Strobridge but in this section the people do not seem to accept it as a favor, but rather as an injustice to both Mrs Strobridge and her many patients There were over twenty patients who went to Dr Strobridge for medicine last Sunday and were turned away Some went away weeping It seems to be the prevailing opinion of the people that Dr Strobridge has damaged the physicians more than she has the public She had two or three patients that she was treating for cancer with apparently good success Now they will have to wait until next June for further treatment unless they have money which to send away and get a doctor Perhaps the prosecuting friends think that it don t matter if a few people do die only so that they rid the public of this cheap doctor who is taking a great deal of their ride away from them

Earl, the 11-year-old son of Geo Besse, had two of his fingers smashed between two logs last Saturday

Rev Langmade was called to Bells Run to preach the funeral sermon of John Sheridan

Prof F M Ault was a guest at S E Wightman's last Thursday night.

D C Henry and Clarence Tubbs went to Port Allegany Monday

Arch Holcomb was over from Rixford the forepart of the week

Geo Wood and wife of Bells Run Sundayed in this place

CLERMONT

L Steinhauer has moved his family on a farm in Farmers Valley He expects to remain in Clermont a part of the time during the summer to watch the market, for he expects to supply Clermont with all necessary farm produce in the future

The coal miners are still only working four days out of the week in the Buffalo Coal Company's mines and the Lyman mines are shut down altogether Just how long this is going to remain so we are unable to say.

[illegible] anything more about our [illegible] They seem to be dead We [illegible] at Sac arger in town occasionally [illegible] the gas to [illegible]

this vicinity of late owing to the sudden changes in the weather

[illegible]

LARABEE

[illegible] a few weeks with her parents Mr and Mrs F B Carpenter

Mrs C W Taylor of Turtle Point accompanied by her son Edward, visited relatives in town Sunday and Monday

Mrs. D H Taylor of Mt. Alton was a guest of her parents, Mr and Mrs. Wm Windsor Monday and Tuesday

Samuel Burroughs has moved his family back from Port Allegany to the suburbs of Larabee.

Miss Lillie Laydon and Miss Newland of Bartwell visited friends in town Saturday

Miss Emma Adams and Miss Maggie Ryan visited Eldred Monday

Ernest Rice is visiting friends in Allentown and Bolivar N Y

Miss Grace Carpenter is visiting at State Line Mills

Dominico DeNoky and family have moved to Eldred

Many of our people are ill with la grippe

From the Far South.

CONCEPCION, CHILI

Concepcion is a beautiful city, situated 350 miles south of Santiago and 9 miles from its port, Talcahuano and is the chief commercial center of southern Chili and will increase in importance as the rich agricultural regions of that zone are brought under cultivation This city has been twice destroyed by the Indians and once by an earthquake It contains some of the finest flour mills in this section Its stores are large and commodious With its electric lights and the street cars one is forcibly reminded of the home cities, and in the evening when you go to the plaza and listen to the melodious strains of the band and see the crowds of gaily dressed people, you might by a slight stretch of imagination think yourself at some fashionable summer resort The cause of education is advancing rapidly in Chili as the large and magnificent normal school building for girls will bear testimony It has just been completed and has all the modern improvements

Besides this there are numerous public schools as well as private ones The M E. church has two large and popular schools here School closed Dec 23 and will open March 2, and judging from the large number of applications, the schools will be crowded this year It seemed very queer to me to have a Christmas come in the summer and it may seem queerer to my readers to think of going to a Sunday school picnic on Xmas day Picnics here are run on a different plan than at home and perhaps you will like the plan so well that you will want to try it, so I give it to you First a collection was taken in church and Sunday school and a committee appointed to purchase the eatables for the picnic and no doubt the ladies will be pleased to hear that the young men did all the purchasing and even made most of the sandwiches We had as refreshments cake, sandwiches fruit and lemonade We started at 10 a m and made a day of it The place chosen was near the sea and we had a merry time of it with running and jumping matches etc We had several running matches which were not scheduled on the program to escape from the attention of a new species of bugs which were evidently bound to have a picnic on us and I distinguished myself in breaking the record in making rapid transit on all occasions whenever a bug seemed at all disposed to pay me any special attention They were not June bugs, either but poisonous bugs with gaily colored wings. At 6½ p m all teachers from the boys college came to the girls college and we had an Xmas dinner Last but not least came the Xmas tree which was not much taller than I and was so frail that we only dared hang popcorn balls and wax candles on it However it was a tree and old Santa Claus was exceedingly generous to me so I felt correspondingly grateful

I have just returned from a week's visit to the sea shore and while there visited Lota A memorial service had just been held the day previous to my arrival in honor of Madame Cousinge the richest woman in all Chili, who had died in Paris the week previous She was the owner of the wonderful park at Lota, in which is erected a wonderful palace Language would fail to describe the beauty of this park so I'll not attempt it I then went to the copper works where I got some fine specimens of copper ore then to the coal mine the coke works, the fire brick and pottery works and the electric light plant The managers of each were very kind and showed us every courtesy Lota is a quaint town and is divided into two parts on account of its situation—Lota (Ariba) high and Lota It has more English inhabitants than Concepcion I looked into a private school room on my way back from one of my trips and the gentleman who accompanied me told me the "skule maam" got the munificent sum of fifty cents per month for each pupil They were all seated around a long table and quite resembled a bee hive In one way at least for they all appeared to be studying in a droning undertone They found time however to turn around and look at me The topic of conversation now is the all absorbing one of conference which will be held here Feb 22 so I'll not trespass further on your time and patience but will write more later I am well and busy as ever and very happy in my work

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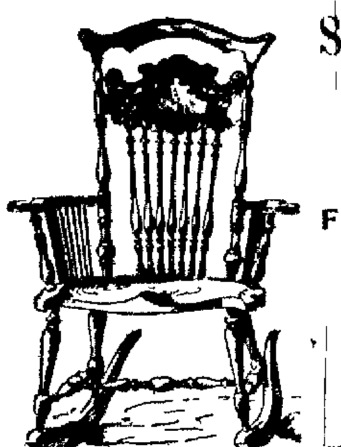

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[illegible] RAT DRIVER.

LUMINOUS PAINT SUCCEEDS WHERE [illegible], TAR AND TRAPS FAILED

A Man Who Makes Good Money Clearing Warehouses and Other Centers Around [illegible] of Troublesome Rodents—Began the Business In Stockholm.

Residents of Riverside drive, between Seventy-fifth and Eightieth streets, on many sunny days have noticed a middle aged man carrying a case, which appears to be about three feet long by one foot deep and two feet wide. It is apparently a black leather case with an ordinary grip handle to the upper part, and the man, making some unfrequent [illegible] place of wall, generally one of the [illegible], places his case on the wall, smokes his pipe and loiters around, looking at the ever changing river and its [illegible]. If others come around, he moves on, but if not he may stay there from two to three hours in the fall sun. He is a rat catcher, or rather a rat driver. He works only in large warehouses and does not touch the smaller dwelling houses or flats except in rare cases.

He is a Scandinavian whom nothing will warm to conversation but his native tongue. His case is wood on the back, ends and bottom and wire on the front and top. There are neat spring shades which roll down over front and top. In this cage are eight or ten large rats. If any one comes near, down go the shades, but as long as the coast is clear the shades are up and the rats are running around basking in the sunlight. If he takes you into his confidence, he will tell you that it is with these rats he clears buildings. The other day he said:

"When I was living in Stockholm, the huge granaries were full of rats, and a reward was offered to clear them. Many failed. Traps were set by the hundred.

"One man built a room as large as an ordinary parlor, cased it with tin and fed the rats with oatmeal scented with oil of aniseed, gradually laying trains of this food to the room until he had all the rats on a string. Then he fitted an automatic drop to the entrance, and when his rats were feeding he caged them all, several hundred. The first man who did this went into the room with dogs to kill them and was nearly eaten himself, like that farmer out west a few weeks ago. The second man starved and then poisoned his, but in a week there were just as many rats as ever. The supply was inexhaustible from the rivers and quays. Poisoning was no good because of the terrific smell, and so I took the matter in hand.

"I thought it over and finally set a trap and caught some rats. Then I tied a piece of wire round their necks, to which I slung a little tinkling brass bell, and then I let the bell ringers loose in the building they had been caught in. They knew the runs and went to join their friends and relatives, who of course ran from the bells. The more they ran the more ran the bell [illegible], until the building was 'hoodoo' in rat language and not a rat would enter.

"If I could have hired back my bell [illegible], all would have been well but, familiarity breeding contempt, the rats [illegible] accustomed to them and in a few months were back again, and as building after building had been cleared by this trick there was not a rat in the city who did not know of the bells. Then I tried turning some rats with strong smelling coal tar, which rats cannot bear and will avoid if possible, and this answered for awhile, but a fire occurred, and a rat, tar coated, ran out of the blazing building with his fur ablaze and, going into another building not in danger, set it on fire—wood gets very dry in these old buildings over there—and so an ordinance was passed prohibiting the use of tar.

"I had made money, and I came to this country. I did well for some years, but in the depression my capital ran short and I failed; so then I took to clearing business places of rats again and am doing quite well. The first thing is to learn the lay of the building where the rats come from. If a grain elevator is near, clear the elevator and keep them in the other places. Rats very seldom run around more than one building, except as an overflow. Then, having ascertained that point, try the tar then the bell, and after that those fellows in the cage. They are coated with luminous paint, and being exposed to the sunlight here can be taken to a building tonight, loosed and will fly through the runs, spreading fear wherever they go and creating a stampede. If you have ever seen luminous paint [illegible], you can readily understand it. The great beauty of this plan is that the rats do not live more than 24 to 48 hours after a coating with this paint, so the novelty never wears off. It is a preparation of lime, which I discovered for myself, and has to be newly made and applied like a varnish. This closes the pores of the skin, and after chasing around to catch up with the flying rats the rat is in a sweat, and that finishes him, and they never get used to it. [illegible] a rat sweat? Well, you cage a rat, [illegible] then let a terrier roll the cage around for a few minutes, and you will find a rat as damp as if dipped into a pail of water. I get as high as $20 a month for keeping some places in this city clear of rats, and I work several [illegible] distance well. The only thing I am afraid of is the society (Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), but I have nearly enough to start in my own business again, and then I will cease rat [illegible]. Sell my business! No, I may [illegible] again in this city of ups and downs."—New York Sun.

[illegible] OF OUR FORBEARS.

[illegible] Excelled In Quality, Though They Lacked Quantity.

[illegible] the popular drinks were mad [illegible] dog's milk. Their main con[illegible] ale of different degrees of [illegible], flavored with ginger [illegible] stuff. Mad dog was the [illegible] of the two. It was popular [illegible] gentlemen of ancient Pistol's [illegible] who usually wanted something [illegible] their throats and put fire into [illegible]. [illegible] owe a great deal to [illegible] mad dog. [illegible] it was that in[illegible] the custom, popular in other [illegible] England, of curing the ef[illegible] of overindulgence by taking "a [illegible] the dog that bit you."

[illegible] Briton of the olden [illegible] was mighty hard to please as [illegible] condition of wine. We find record [illegible] in this regard as far back [illegible] century. An old manuscript in the British museum tells us [illegible] wine was most prized. "It should [illegible] like the tears of a penitent, so [illegible] a man may see distinctly to the [illegible] of his glass; its color should [illegible] the greenness of a buffalo's [illegible]; when drunk, it should descend [illegible] like thunder, sweet tasted [illegible] an almond; creeping like a [illegible], leaping like a roebuck; strong [illegible] the building of a Cistercian monastery; glittering like a spark of fire, subtle [illegible] the logic of the schools of Paris, [illegible] as fine silk, and colder than [illegible]."

[illegible] the Elizabethans of that day was [illegible] praise this celestial liquor, he [illegible] fortunate than recent topers [illegible] have been in the triune [illegible]. All modern travelers can testify [illegible] no such wine is to be had now, [illegible] old London" or elsewhere [illegible]. Furthermore, the [illegible] of the Elizabethan per[illegible] and left not a rack [illegible]

WHEN YOU ARE OLD.

When you are old and gray and full of sleep
And nodding by the fire, take down this book
And slowly read and dream of the fair look
Your eyes had once and of their shadows deep.

How many loved your moments of glad grace
And loved your beauty with love false or true
But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you
And loved the sorrows of your changing face.

And, bending down beside the glowing bars,
Murmured a little sad From us fled love
He paced upon the mountains far above
And hid his face amid a crowd of stars
—Poems, by W B Yeats.

FIRE HORSES

The Quickest Ones In the World Are Said to Be In Kansas City

F S Dellenbaugh writes of "The Quick Horse in St Nicholas, his article telling of the training of horses for the fire department. Mr Dellenbaugh says

The quickest horses in the world were at one time in Kansas City in head quarters of its fire department directly under the office of the Chief Mr George C Hale. To Mr Hale is due more than to any other factor the quick horse owed his first development, for Mr Hale is the inventor of the earliest swinging harness which made the quick horse possible. When Mr Henry M. Stanley and his wife were in this country they witnessed an exhibition drill of the Kansas City fire department. The drill so impressed the visitors that an account of it was published in a London journal, and this English article brought an invitation to Mr Hale to visit England as the representative of the American fire service at the international fire tournament. Mr Hale and a picked corps went to England, taking with them the remarkably quick horses Joe and Dan, and they became world famous. As the quickest harnessing time of the London fire brigade is 1 minute 17¼ seconds and the Kansas City horses were harnessed in 1¾ seconds and were out of the engine house in less than 8 seconds, there could be no competition. In Kansas City four fine bays were harnessed to the hook and ladder truck almost as quickly as even Joe and Dan could jump into their harnesses. It was a pretty sight to see these four well kept horses spring to their places at the stroke of the gong and in two or three seconds stand ready to run with the apparatus. Joe was killed by an accident, but Dan with a new mate, is still in service, and as quick as ever.

The record for quickest time from the engine house to the throwing of water on the fire is held by a Kansas City company. In this instance the horses were harnessed, a run of 2,194 feet (a little less than half a mile) was made and water thrown from the hose in the wonderfully brief time of 1 minute 31 seconds.

HOW LACES ARE NAMED.

Designs of Pattern and Locality of Manufacture Make the Distinction.

Orlena L. Shackleford, in "Centuries of Lace," in The Woman's Home Companion gives these interesting facts on lace manufacture

"The nomenclature of lace is decided by certain peculiarities of pattern, mesh or stitches that belong to certain localities, and it is retained even when the localities have long ceased to produce their distinctive fabrications. Valenciennes has not for many years wrought the laces that bear its name their manufacture having long since been transferred to Ypres, Belgium, while the chantilly laces are all made at Bayeux.

"The finest French laces are made in Normandy the cheaper ones come from the Auvergne, which was the first French province to produce pillow lace. Bayeux, with her tributary surroundings, is the largest and best producer of black laces. Her chantilly is par excellence the finest ever made. Caen is also a center for black laces. Normandy produces good black and white blonda. Guipures are made in the Auvergne, but the finest come from the Vosges. Mirecourt furnishes fine point and pillow lace. Brussels furnishes most of the Belgian needle points, though east Flanders, Brabant and Hainault now supply large quantities. The old laces for which Binche, Bruges and Flanders were once so celebrated are no longer the mode, though still much prized by connoisseurs. This is also true of malines, or mechlin, lace and valenciennes, though the latter is returning to favor. Bruges makes a round mesh valenciennes, not so beautiful as the lozenge ground, and coarser qualities come from Courtrai and different parts of Flanders. Lille and Valenciennes formerly belonged to the Netherlands, which accounts for their early proficiency in lacemaking

"Flemish guipures are noted for their excellence. The Belgian and French laces are the finest, in point of fabrication, in the world. Paris is to a large extent an emporium for Belgian laces. She is the birthplace of fashions and novelties and dictates lace designs, keeping alive emulation and rewarding merit through her Society of Decorative Arts. To France must be accorded the palm for black laces, while Belgium may claim it for the vaporous fineness of her points nothing equaling in ethereal delicacy her famous point de gaze."

Nervous Prostration.

Dr J. Curtis Webb, an eminent English physician, recently lectured on this subject. The lecturer said that hysteria was a symptom of nerve exhaustion and was a state in which the ideas controlled the body and produced morbid changes in its functions. If allowed to go on uninterrupted, nervous exhaustion and breakdown followed. The seeds of this really terrible disease were in 99 cases out of 100 sown and watered during the period of education and training of girls at and after a critical period of life. Such cases were more frequent since the introduction of the system of higher education of women, for the advocates of this made the great mistake of assuming that there was no real difference between girls and boys between the ages of 14 and 21. He mentioned the frequent occurrence of cases of anæmia and breakdown among girls and attributed this to excessive mental work and the lack of healthy exercise.

He advocated golf, cycling, lawn tennis and other games as a preventive and corrective and insisted upon the necessity for regular indulgence in physical exercise. It was not work which hurt, but perseverance in work after nature had held out her danger signals in the shape of constant lassitude, loss of appetite and irregularity of functions. Nervous exhaustion sometimes occurred as a result of excessive physical exercise and among middle aged ladies as a result of worry. The remedy in the latter case was to live easier and according to rule. The complaint was also met with in young children and was in these cases generally due to the forcing of mental faculties or constant scolding and nagging.

Schopenhauer on Women.

Schopenhauer's mother, Joanna, was a singular woman, with whom he was perpetually at war. She was lively, he was grim. She was a sentimentalist, he detested sentiment. She was devoted to society, to gossip, to the convenances of life. He lived for ideas, and with an almost savage moroseness poured scorn on the round of "at homes" and æsthetic tea parties. Both were selfish and quarrelsome. We may judge, therefore, that Schopenhauer took his notions of women partly from his mother. It goes without saying that these notions were violent in the extreme, yet not without some aspects of truth.

The new woman would save at this [illegible] on her pretensions, and yet it would do her good to read what Schopenhauer has to say with as much calmness as she can command. Woman is [illegible] designated so emphatically "a lesser [illegible]" [illegible]

WONDERFUL RESCUE.

HOW SERGEANT VAUGHAN SAVED A LIFE AT A HOTEL FIRE

A Member of the New York Department Who Endangered His Own Life to Save a Guest of the Hotel Royal Who Had About Given Up All Hope.

Jacob A Riis, author of "How the Other Half Lives" writes of "Heroes Who Fight Fire" in The Century. The article is one of the series "Heroes of Peace." Mr Riis tells the following story of a heroic rescue at the Hotel Royal fire in New York some years ago

Sergeant Vaughan went up on the roof. The smoke was so dense there that he could see little but through it he heard a cry for help and made out the shape of a man standing upon a window sill in the fifth story overlooking the courtyard of the hotel. The yard was between them. Bidding his men follow—they were five all told—he ran down and around in the next street to the roof of the house that formed an angle with the hotel wing. There stood the man below him only a jump away but a jump which no mortal might take and live. His face and hands were black with smoke. Vaughan, looking down, thought him a negro. He was perfectly calm.

"It is no use," he said, glancing up. "Don't try. You can't do it."

The sergeant looked wistfully about him. Not a stick or a piece of rope was in sight. Every shred was used below. There was absolutely nothing. "But I couldn't let him," he said to me months after, when he had come out of the hospital a whole man again and was back at work. "I just couldn't, standing there so quiet and brave." To the man he said sharply

"I want you to do exactly as I tell you now. Don't grab me, but let me get the first grab." He had noticed that the man wore a heavy overcoat, and had already laid his plan.

"Don't try," urged the man. "You cannot save me. I will stay here till it gets too hot, then I will jump."

"No, you won't," from the sergeant, as he lay at full length on the roof, looking over. "It is a pretty hard yard down there. I will get you or go dead myself."

The four sat on the sergeant's legs as he swung free down to the waist, so he was almost able to reach the man on the window, with outstretched hands.

"Now, jump—quick!" he commanded, and the man jumped. He caught him by both wrists as directed, and the sergeant got a grip on the collar of his coat.

"Hoist!" he shouted to the four on the roof, and they tugged with their might. The sergeant's body did not move. Bending over till the back creaked, it hung over the edge, a weight of 203 pounds suspended from and holding it down. The cold sweat started upon his men's foreheads as they tried and tried again, without gaining an inch. Blood dripped from Sergeant Vaughan's nostrils and ears. Sixty feet below was the paved courtyard. Over against him was the window, behind which he saw the back draft coming, gathering headway with lurid, swirling smoke. Now it burst through, burning the hair and the coats of the two. For an instant he thought all hope was gone.

But in a flash it came back to him. To relieve the terrible dead weight that wrenched and tore at his muscles he was swinging the man to and fro like a pendulum, head touching head. He could swing him up! A smothered shout warned his men. They crept nearer the edge without letting go their grip on him and watched with staring eyes the human pendulum swing wider and wider, farther and farther, until now, with a mighty effort, it swung within their reach. They caught the skirt of the coat, held on, pulled in, and in a moment lifted him over the edge.

They lay upon the roof, all six, breathless, sightless, their faces turned to the winter sky. The tumult of the street came up as a faint echo. The spray of a score of engines pumping below fell upon them, froze and covered them with ice. The very roar of the fire seemed far off. The sergeant was the first to recover. He carried down the man he had saved and saw him sent off to the hospital. Then first he noticed that he was not a negro. The smut had been rubbed off his face. Monday had dawned before he came to, and days passed before he knew his rescuer. Sergeant Vaughan was laid up himself then. He had returned to his work and finished it, but what he had gone through was too much for human strength. It was spring before he returned to his quarters, to find himself promoted, petted and made much of.

AN ANCIENT CHURCH.

A Beverly (Mass.) Structure Nearly Two Centuries Old.

The remodeled Second church, that of the Congregational society, at North Beverly, Mass., is 184 years old and is the first and only house of worship the society has ever had. The Second parish of Beverly is one of the old societies of the county. When incorporated by the general court in 1713, it was as the "precinct of Salem and Beverly." Objection has been made on the part of certain Beverly people to the separation of the parish.

The first meeting toward forming the society was held in November, 1713, and a committee appointed. At a later meeting the sum of £350 was raised toward building a meeting house. The house was built and finished and dedicated the following year.

Originally it was 50 feet by 40. In 1771 a porch was added to the front end by Caleb Dodge at his own expense. In 1751 a steeple was built and a 400 pound bell was purchased. Two years later Robert Hooper gave a bell to the church. The house was placed on its present site in 1837, when it was enlarged and thoroughly remodeled.

When General Gage was stationed at Danvers and lived in the Collins house, at the time he sent his messenger down to Salem to terminate the sitting of the assembly because it was about to form a provincial congress, he attended church in the North Beverly house of worship.

For many years the ceiling was not plastered but later some of the wealthy members had the spaces over their own pews plastered at their own expense. When Robert Hooper gave the church the bell, he was given a pew in the church, and the parish voted to have it plastered overhead at the expense of the society.—Boston Herald.

The Type In the Oxford Bible.

Statistics have a fascination for many people who will be interested in learning that there are 773 746 words in the authorized version of the Bible and 3,566 480 letters including [illegible]. These figures says The Periodical, the monthly journal of announcements issued by the Clarendon press, relate to a text Bible and are independent of verse figures and figures (if used) in chapter headings. To estimate the total number of separate bits or pieces of metal which together make up the types of an Oxford reference Bible there may then be added fully 1,100 000 letters, figures, points, spaces, etc. in the text and 900 000 in the marginal notes, making a total of 5,566,483 pieces in all.

One of the Blessings of Work.

"Oh, I guess it is a good thing I have to work so hard!" said a brooding person.

"Why?" said the other.

"I don't have so much time to think," said the first.—New York Sun.

The Herring.

A medical authority on the virtues of various kinds of food declares that the herring gives the muscles elasticity, the body strength and the brain vigor and is not fish forming.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

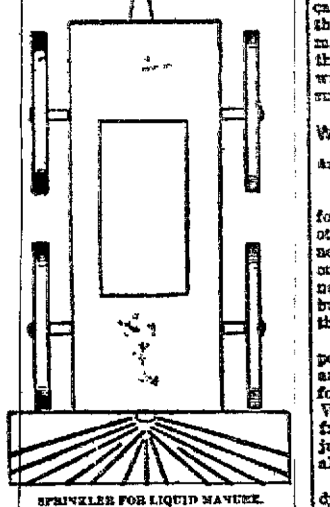
FARM AND GARDEN

LIQUID MANURE

How It Is Applied In Italian [illegible] Permanent Meadows.

The permanent [illegible] are quite [illegible] manure. Not [illegible] of the solid [illegible] water till it [illegible] sprinkled on the grass and [illegible] have rectangular tanks [illegible] wheels in which to draw the liquid manure to the [illegible]. In the cut here reproduced from Rural New Yorker is shown one of these mounted tanks with sprinkler.

A sloping platform is built out behind about three feet and extends to either side somewhat past the wheels. A hole about six or eight inches square is cut in the rear end of the tank, so as to discharge the liquid on to the sloping platform, and is closed by a sliding gate operated by a lever near the driver's seat. The platform has a number of cleats nailed on it, radiating away from the opening in the tank in such a way that the stream of liquid manure, as it flows over it, is divided and subdivided till it falls on the ground in quite a number of streams, effectually sprinkling the area passed over by the sloping platform. In this apparatus there are no pipes to clog. If anything should lodge at the gate, it is opened wider for an instant, and all obstructions are washed away. The rate of application is controlled by raising the gate little or much. A pail with a long handle fastened to it in the form of a large dipper is used for filling the tank.



SPRINKLER FOR LIQUID MANURE.

A writer in the journal alluded to says that a large boat pump may work better for filling the tank than the pail dipper, but he doubts if a better rig can be found for distributing liquid manure than the one described. Where the land is not level it is necessary to drive directly up and down the grade while sprinkling to prevent more of the liquid going to one side than the other. The writer quoted says "It is doubtful whether the system of liquid manuring is economical. No doubt grass lands will respond to this treatment admirably, but, as much water must be added to the urine to prevent rapid decomposition if held for a time and to keep it from injuring the foliage when applied, the labor of handling becomes as great as or greater than it would be were absorbents used to take up the liquid excrement.

Setting a Cranberry Bog.

Rural New Yorker says: The requisite for a cranberry bog is a low, moist soil which can be drained, and at the same time be so arranged that by closing the gates in the drainage ditch it can be flooded when desired. Such land is usually marshy or swampy in its natural state, sometimes covered with a scrubby growth of trees and more or less bogs and hummocks. The first thing to do is to ditch the ground, leading all the side ditches into one main ditch which can be fitted with a gate at its outlet, so that the water may be allowed to run, or be stopped at will, to flood the bog. Then the bogs, trees and in fact nearly the whole surface must be grubbed out and cleaned off. This process is called turfing, and sometimes costs several hundred dollars per acre.

Sometimes an old mill pond is used, and then there is very little clearing to be done. After the turfing the surface is covered with several inches of sand. The vines to be planted should be healthy and thrifty. They are cut to six or eight inches in length and are then trodden well into the sand. Little after cultivation is required. Sometimes a site intended for a bog is flooded with water for two or three years to kill the vegetation, as this is cheaper than turfing, but it takes a longer time.

Smut In Oats.

At the Geneva (N. Y.) station experiments were tried in treating seed oats to prevent smut. Tests were made with hot water, ceres powder, lysol, formalin and potassium sulphide. When soaked in a solution of lysol or formalin for one hour, smut was prevented. Sprinkling the seed grain with solutions of these chemicals reduced the proportion of smut, but did not entirely destroy it. The cost of material for treating seed with the formalin solution was 3½ cents per acre, and this has given excellent results.

It is reported that Trenton will have a large pickle factory "if the Mercer county farmers can be induced to raise cucumbers instead of trying to compete with western farmers in raising corn and grain."

News and Notes.

Poor hay is greatly in evidence with a comparative scarcity of choice to fancy.

It is believed that good sound seed potatoes will be high priced by the time the planting season arrives.

In northern Arizona the wild horses have become a nuisance to stockmen. They not only eat the food that should go to the cattle, but also chase the cattle off the range.

Professor Bang of Denmark is said to have separated the germ that causes certain forms of abortion in cattle.

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The line was expected to be finished in 1867 [illegible] the tariff for messages was [illegible] ($25) per message. The receipts were estimated to yield about $9,000,000 per annum. The line was actually constructed from New Westminster [illegible] the present route of the Canadian Pacific railway to Ashcroft, whence it was continued north toward Barkerville to Fort Stager 300 or 400 miles [illegible] Quesnelle. This line is at the present moment in operation in a portion of [illegible] Cariboo country.

Then in the midst of the whole hard work, after three years of hard work, came like a thunderclap the news that the Atlantic cable was a success. Three million dollars had been expended, yet the next day Russian Extension stock was not worth the printer's ink on its surface.—London Mail.

WHY COPS ARE CORPULENT.

An Old Member of the Force Explains the Inevitable Paunch.

"It's a standing joke with lots of folks," said a retired policeman the other day, "that almost as soon as a new man is put on the force and goes out on patrol duty he gets fat. You never yet saw a picture of a policeman but that he had a paunch on him worthy of an old country German.

"But it isn't corpulence that forces policemen to buy bigger waisted trousers and coats as they grow older. It's a deformity, that's right—a deformity. When a man is on his feet anywhere from 12 to 20 hours out of the 24, he just settles down on himself. He puts all his weight on his hips.

"This throws out his abdomen and draws his shoulders back, making him look hollow backed. It seems to rest him. His feet and ankles, which get sore, rheumatic and all out of shape on account of his constant walking, are relieved when he rests his hips. Just try it and see how easy and restful the habit is. But you'll get an amazing 'front' in a short time.

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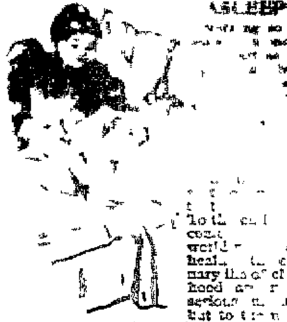

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TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD

[illegible] a. m.—Train [illegible] week days for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., New York [illegible] p. m., Baltimore 6 00 p. m., Washington [illegible] p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

[illegible] p. m.—Train 6, week days for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., New York [illegible] a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7.30 a. m.

9.00 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., New York 9.33 a. m. week days ([illegible] a. m. Sundays), Baltimore 6 20 a. m., Washington 7 40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Washington. Passenger coaches from Erie to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD

5 10 a. m.—[illegible] for Erie, Ridgway [illegible] and intermediate stations.
10 0[illegible] a. m.—[illegible] for Erie and intermediate [illegible] week days for [illegible]
6 20 p. m.—[illegible] week days for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 9 leaves New York 8 40 p. m., Philadelphia 10 p. m., Washington 7 30 p. m., Baltimore [illegible] p. m., arriving at Emporium Junction 6 10 a. m. week days, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train 3 leaves New York [illegible] p. m., Philadelphia 11 20 p. m., Washington 10 40 p. m., Baltimore 11 50 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium Junction 10 25 a. m. with Pullman palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport [illegible] passenger coaches from [illegible] to [illegible] Baltimore to [illegible] Sundays, [illegible] Pullman sleeper Philadelphia.

Train [illegible] leaves Philadelphia 8.40 a. m., Washington 7 [illegible] a. m., Baltimore 8 [illegible] a. m., Wilkesbarre 10 [illegible] a. m. week days arriving at Emporium Junction [illegible] p. m. with Pullman Parlor car Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Kane.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD

Week days.

NORTH A M	STATIONS	SOUTH A M
8 05	Ridgway	11 50
8 10	Johnsonburg	11 30
[illegible]	Bentigo	11 20
[illegible]	Glen Hazel	11 16
9 36	Straight	11 4
9 41	Instanter	11 00
9 4[illegible]	Smith's Run	10 53
9 56	Woodvale	10 46
10 0[illegible]	Clermont	1[illegible]
A. M.		A. M.

Connections are made with train 3, leaving Johnsonburg at [illegible] a. m. for Erie and intermediate points arriving at Erie at 3 45 p. m. and at Ridgway with train [illegible] leaving Ridgway at [illegible] p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager.
J. R. WOOD, Gen. Passenger Agt.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

On and after Feb. 20, [illegible] passenger trains Between, Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Bradford, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney and the Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett daily except Sunday as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST BOUND

8 10 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.
2 10 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.
[illegible] p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily for Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH BOUND

7 55 a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburgh, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.
1 41 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

Thousand Mile Tickets good for passage between all stations at two cents per mile.

For time tables and full information call on or address any of the Company's agents, or

J. B. McINTYRE, Agent Bradford, Pa.
EDWARD C. LAPEY, Gen'l Passenger Agent, Rochester, N. Y.

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R.
TIME TABLE

Took effect Monday, June 15th 1896.

1	3	5	STATIONS	2	4	6
am	pm	pm	Ar Dp	am	pm	pm
8.50	2.20	7 [illegible]	Keating	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
8 35	2.0[illegible]	7 1[illegible]	Conley Junc.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
8 20	1 50	7 0[illegible]	Austin	9 40	[illegible]	[illegible]
	1 37	6 5[illegible]	Costello	9 45	3 13	
	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wharton	10 [illegible]	[illegible]	
	1 12	6 [illegible]	Logue	10 01	3 [illegible]	
	1 0[illegible]	6 2[illegible]	Hull	[illegible]	3 [illegible]	
	12.45	6 05	Cross Fork Jc	10 45	4 1[illegible]	
	12 [illegible]	5 [illegible]	Germania	11 2[illegible]	4 [illegible]	
	12 [illegible]	5 25	Galeton	11 [illegible]	4 [illegible]	
	10 45	4 [illegible]	Gaines	[illegible]	[illegible]	
	10 10	[illegible]	Ansonia	[illegible]	[illegible]	
	am	pm	Dp Ar	am	pm	
am	am	pm	Cross Fork Br	am	pm	pm
[illegible]	[illegible]	4 0[illegible]	Ar Cross Fork Jc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	3 0[illegible]	Dp Cross Fork	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

B. Hutchinson, Train Master. [illegible] G. W. Goodyear, Gen. Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY R. R.

Railroad time Table takes effect Monday, [illegible] 1895.

AM	AM	PM	STATIONS	AM	PM	AM
8 5[illegible]	7 83	2 10	Ulysses	7 4[illegible]	2 30	[illegible]
8 15	7 41	2 09	Crowell's	7 51	2 [illegible]	[illegible]
8 30		1 5[illegible]	Carpenter's		[illegible]	[illegible]
8 25	7 16	1.53	Perkins	7 [illegible]	2.4[illegible]	[illegible]
8 20	7 14	1 50	B. & S. Junc'n	7 5[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	7 10	1 45	Newfield	8 [illegible]	2 54	[illegible]
8 [illegible]	7 08	1 42	Gold	8 04	2 [illegible]	[illegible]
7 [illegible]	[illegible] 01	1 3[illegible]	[illegible]	8 [illegible]	2 [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] 15	6 5[illegible]	1 26	Seven Bridge's	8 1[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
7 10	6 4[illegible]	1 20	Colesburg	8 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
7 00	6 40	1 1[illegible]	Frink's	[illegible]	[illegible]	
	6.30	1 00		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.55	Coudersport	[illegible] 45	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]		12.31	Hammond			[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	1[illegible].46	Olmsted,	[illegible] 51	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.41	Mina	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]		12.34	Knowlton		6.1[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.29	Roulette	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Burtville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]		12 [illegible]	Coleman		[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	12 12	Port Allegany	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
A M	P M	P M	Depart Arrive	A M	P M	P M

Trains run on eastern standard time.
B. A. McCLURE, Supt.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 5 o'clock a. m., Monday, August [illegible] 1897.

South			Stations		North	
2 20			Clermont		[illegible] 45	
2 24			Chatham		[illegible] 40	
2 30			Wildwood		1 1[illegible]	
[illegible] 01			North Fork		[illegible]	
[illegible]			Kay Fork		[illegible]	
3 14			Gray Gables		[illegible]	
[illegible] 30	7 40	Ar Lv	St. Marys	Lv Ar	1[illegible]	
3.35	7 45		Kaul		10 5	[illegible]
3 4[illegible]	7.51		Dutch		10 4	[illegible]
[illegible]	7 5[illegible]		Cavit		11 41	[illegible]
3 [illegible]	8 00		Gilden		10 29	[illegible]
4 00	8 10		Paine		10 2[illegible]	
4 08	8 15		Centreville		10 2[illegible]	[illegible]
4 14	8 20		Dagus Crossing		10 [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	8 30		Shelvey Summit		10 [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Cuneo		9 [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Thompson		9 53	[illegible]
[illegible]	8 41		Curry		9 4[illegible]	
4 4[illegible]	8.41		Brandy Camp		9 43	[illegible]
4 46	8 [illegible]		Elbon		9 [illegible]	[illegible]
4 50	8 [illegible]		Hyle		9 [illegible]	[illegible]
5 10	[illegible]		Shawmut		[illegible] 15	[illegible]
p m	a m				a m	[illegible]

Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua Ry

Time Table taking Effect Nov. 25th 1896

LEAVE SMETHPORT

8 30 A. M.—Mail and Express daily except Sunday, for Ormsby, Bradford, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with B. & A. V. Ry for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10 0[illegible] A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

5 15 P. M.—Mail and Express daily except Sunday, for Ormsby, Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with [illegible] P. & E. train [illegible] Johnsonburg, Ridgway, [illegible] Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia [illegible] Ford with Erie R. R. [illegible] Salamanca, Olean [illegible] Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport daily except Sunday, at 9 35 a. m., 4 30 p. m. and [illegible] p. m.

JNO. C. McKENNA, Gen. Supt., Bradford.

NOTICE.

To Commissioners and supervisors [illegible] Kean and adjoining counties: [illegible] prepared to furnish iron and steel bridges [illegible] size or duplicate any bridge, to place a complete entire structure. Will furnish plans and specifications on application.

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